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CAROL DE MARIA feeds about 15 feral cats daily along the Albany shoreline near Golden Gate Fields. De Maria, who has been feeding the cats for three years, is moving this month, and the group Fix Our Ferals is looking for volunteers to help take her place.

Albany cops seek help in I-80 slaying

■ Investigators offer \$5,000 reward for information on 2004 drive-by shooting

By Justin Hill

STAFF WRITER

For more than two years, Albany police have tried to solve the drive-by killing of a Richmond man shot in the head while driving on Interstate 80.

Today, investigators still have questions: Who killed 18-year-old Anthony Robinson? And why?

This week, Albany police asked for the public's help in answering those questions and announced a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for killing Robinson.

"We know there's people out there that have more information," said Albany police Detective Sgt. Tom Dolter, the lead investigator in the case. "We really need the public's help to bring the bad guys to justice."

The reward money will come from the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation, a nonprofit group that has offered more than \$2.8 million in reward money in more than 400 cases.

Of those cases, 33 murder suspects and three kidnappers of young children were apprehended and nine missing persons were located, said Kim Petersen, executive director of the foundation.

Albany police are hoping for similar results in the Robinson case.

On July 14, 2004, Robinson apparently went to a gas station at 5001 Cutting Boulevard in Richmond, where he and his passengers came across the suspect car, Dolter said.

According to the investigators' information, Robinson and his passengers were getting "hard looks," he said.

"They were uncomfortable so they left" and got gas at another station, Dolter said.

After he gassed up, Robinson was driving west on I-80 near the Gilman Street exit about 9:15 p.m. when the same car at the gas station, described as a white 1990s model Buick, pulled alongside. Someone fired as many as four shots into his car.

Robinson was hit in the head with one round. He died at Highland Hospital in Oakland four days later.

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Caretakers needed for feral cats

Woman who has been feeding a colony of feral cats is moving out of the area

By Justin Hill

STAFF WRITER

Three years ago, Carol De Maria began feeding a colony of feral cats that had settled along the Albany shoreline behind Golden Gate Fields racetrack.

One day became two. Two turned into three.

"Before you know it, you're hooked and you're down here every day," De Maria says.

But De Maria's days tending to the felines are numbered. She is moving to the Northwest to be near family, and by the end of September, she will be gone.

So Fix Our Ferals is looking for six volunteers to take over, each coming one day a week. The Berkeley-based free spay and neuter clinic already has a volunteer for the seventh day: retired Golden Gate Fields jockey David Jin.

Whoever volunteers will join the scores of people who do the same thing throughout Contra Costa and Alameda counties. Several groups feed feral

homeless felines and have them surgically sterilized in those areas.

One group, the Feral Cat Foundation, spays or neuters about 1,000 feral or homeless felines a year and adopts out about 300 annually, said Estelle Breitmayer, foundation president. And it feeds about 200 colonies in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

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East Bay parks receive top-dog rating

Point Isabel in Richmond and Golden Gate in North Berkeley are considered among nation's best

By Chris Treadway

STAFF WRITER

By Anne Sexton took a sip of her coffee as she waited for the auto club to arrive on a recent day at Point Isabel Regional Park in Richmond.

"Don't mind," she said, sitting at a picnic table with her two dogs, Buddy and Casey, and taking in the panoramic view of the Golden Gate Bridge and the bay from the park's waterfront. "I just love it."

Sexton, who locked her keys in her car outside the cafe at the largest

dog park in North America.

"I come from Vallejo, so that shows how much I like it," she said.

A dog trotted by happily with a Frisbee in its mouth, and a family, sitting atop a hill flying a kite, let its pooches play.

It seems tough for a dog park to offer more, and the advocacy group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals agrees, placing Point Isabel atop its list of Top 10 Dog Parks in North America.

The list, released last month, was compiled from the rankings of visitors to the group's Web site, www.HelpingAnimals.com.

"Dogs love sprinting across the park's fields and trails, rolling in the mud, and swimming in the San Francisco Bay, while their human compan-

ions enjoy soaking up the breathtaking vista of the Golden Gate Bridge arching over the water," the group wrote.

"At the end of the outing, you can scrub down your dirty hound at Mudpuppy's Tub & Scrub, a self-service dog wash, and enjoy a cup of delicious vegetarian soup at Mudpuppy's Sit and Stay Cafe."

The group recommends the park as a destination for tourists traveling with their dogs.

The assessment was hardly news to park regulars.

"It has everything — the Bay, the freedom," El Cerrito resident Tony Crescenzi said. "If you want to socialize, your dogs

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Little room left for more students

Albany elementary schools experiencing enrollment higher than originally anticipated

By Justin Hill

STAFF WRITER

The Albany Unified School District's elementary schools are packed.

The school district was expecting about 100 elementary students over the next three years. Instead, it got them all at once.

Initially all of the new students started their first day of school this week at Ocean View Elementary, where the classroom sizes have not yet reached maximum levels.

There was no room at the other schools to put the new students, said district Superintendent Willie Wong.

The kindergarten through third grades, the maximum is 20 pupils. At Ocean View, there are either 20 or 21 pupils in those classes, Principal Julie Wong said Wednesday. In the upper grades, class-



MARK DUFRENE/STAFF

TEACHERS hold signs so their students can find them before leading them to their classrooms as the school year begins Wednesday at Ocean View Elementary School in Albany. The school, which is undergoing renovations, received an influx of new students that put classrooms at or near maximum size limits.

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DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

ETHAN HOUSER, 16, right, with help from his brother Zach Houser, 14, behind Ethan, and Matt Arciniega, 15, left, paint a map of the United States at Madera Elementary School in El Cerrito. The map is Houser's Eagle Scout project. Houser and the other two boys are from El Cerrito Troop 104.

Thanks to Scout, Madera students will be prepared

■ El Cerrito High student earns Eagle Scout honors after repainting U.S. map at elementary school

By Chris Treadway

STAFF WRITER

It has been more than a year since renovations wrapped up at Madera Elementary School in El Cerrito, but until last weekend, one thing kept the work from reaching completion.

Thanks to the diligence of former Madera student Ethan Houser, the large mural of the United States in the school's yard was restored and repainted in time for the first day of school Monday.

The restoration, which was Houser's Eagle Scout project, involved a lot more than painting. Weeks of planning — including writing up a plan for approval and learning how to clean, seal and paint on concrete and asphalt — preceded the actual painting. There were also logistical issues such as whether to paint Alaska to scale.

Not to mention that he set aside the last weeks of summer vacation for the project.

"Of course, I'm going to be missing out on a lot of things at the end of the summer," Houser said. "But it's totally worth it."

The project grew from Houser's desire to do something for Madera, which he

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Albany

Mayor to host coffee with residents

Albany Mayor Allan Maris is inviting city residents to have coffee with him and discuss local issues on Saturday.

It will be from 9 to 10 a.m. at the PriPri cafe, 1309 Solano Ave. There is space for eight to 10 people at the table.

— Justin Hill

Grant to provide lights along Ohlone Greenway

A heavily traveled portion of the Ohlone Greenway in Albany will soon be as well lit as the pathway in a neighboring community.

Albany planners last month examined and approved \$407,000 grant from the Metropolitan Planning Commission that will be earmarked for 2007 installation of lights along the mile-plus stretch, said Albany transportation planner Aleida Andino-Chavez. The lights will mirror those installed in El Cerrito and run embedded in the ground along the BART tracks.

"The ones we have had were repeatedly vandalized, and they're expensive to get replaced," Andino-Chavez said. "The system El Cerrito has, they're difficult for vandals to reach."

The greenway, which runs from El Cerrito to Berkeley, is popular during morning commuting hours because it leads directly to an El Cerrito BART station, said Albany public works director and project manager Rich Cunningham. He said plans will be submitted to BART by year's end, and the project will proceed before anticipated seismic retrofitting takes place in 2009.

"We want to get the lighting up," Cunningham said. "El Cerrito's program has been very successful. It's energy efficient and is unlike surface lighting, which is highly vandalized and not nearly as efficient at distributing light."

— MediaNews

El Cerrito

Historical Society seeks info on street names

The El Cerrito Historical Society is looking for information for a book it is working on about street names in El Cerrito and Kensington.

The society is asking anyone who knows about street names in the communities to contact El Cerrito Historical Society president Tom Panas at 510-526-7507 or tpanas@yahoo.com, or the society at elcerritohistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

— Justin Hill

City Council amends fiscal year budget

The El Cerrito City Council has amended the city budget for fiscal year 2005-06 for unanticipated expenses of nearly \$823,000.

The items, which occurred during the fiscal year, were not anticipated when the budget was adopted or were not offset by anticipated savings that failed to materialize, according to a staff report.

Two of the items would have been paid for had a ballot measure that increased the city's lighting and landscaping assessment passed.

Earlier this year, El Cerrito property owners rejected the increase. While lighting and landscaping maintenance costs the city \$1.1 million annually, the fees currently total about \$700,000.

Covering the assessment district's annual deficit was proposed as a loan in the budget, but because the ballot measure failed, the general fund needed to fund the deficit, which was budgeted at \$394,597, the report states.

An additional \$58,000 relating to a proposed assessment district engineer's report, which the council approved, would have been paid out of the assessment district's funding had the ballot measure passed, says the report.

According to the staff report, other additional expenses included:

- \$115,000 for previous charges stemming from dispatch and record management services for which that Richmond billed El Cerrito.

- About \$105,000 related to unanticipated potential litigation.
- \$150,000 in projected salary savings in the police department budget that never materialized. The department was able to hire and retain, on average, a full force the entire year.

— Justin Hill

City considers regulating massage facilities

El Cerrito is working on an ordinance to regulate massage establishments and massage therapy practitioners.

A proposed ordinance was presented at the Aug. 21 City Council meeting, but council members requested some changes after hearing from some in the massage business who were concerned about provisions in the proposal.

Jennifer Carman, El Cerrito planning manager, said she expected the issue to be brought back to the council on Sept. 18 or the following meeting for a first reading.

The city currently has no guidelines for the regulation of massage establishments.

— Justin Hill

Police plan sobriety checkpoint today

The El Cerrito Police Department, in conjunction with the Avoid the 25 Campaign and the Office of Traffic Safety, will conduct a sobriety checkpoint today. The checkpoint will focus on either the northern end of the city or on the southern end at the border with Alameda County.

The sobriety checkpoint is part of the traffic safety division's ongoing educational and enforcement campaign within El Cerrito. Several Contra Costa County police agencies will participate in the checkpoint, including agents from the Alcohol and Beverage Control Department, the Richmond Police Department and the Pinole Police Department.

— Craig Lazzaretto

Electronic recycling event scheduled

An electronic waste recycling event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, and Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Department of Motor Vehicles, 6400 Manila Ave., in El Cerrito.

No appointment is needed, and the event is free to anyone, even those living outside the city.

Acceptable electronic waste includes computer components, televisions, VCRs and DVD players, fax machines, telephones, cell phones and MP3 players.

Appliances, batteries, microwaves, paints and pesticides will not be accepted. Those items can be taken to the Hazardous Waste Facility at 101 Pittsburg Ave. in Richmond. Call 888-412-9277 for information about the hazardous waste facility. Call 888-832-9839 for information about the electronics recycling event.

— Alan Lopez

LINK+ adds volumes to your local library

"LINK+ is a union catalog of contributed holdings from participating libraries in California and Nevada."

— From "What is LINK+" (<http://csuliii.com/screens/whatislink.html>)

IN A RECENT COLUMN, I talked about some of the lesser-known resources we offer at my library. These had to do with articles available through our Web site, either at home or at the library. But we also have some lesser-known resources that actually have to do with books.

One of these is usually referred to as placing a hold or requesting an item. Since the Alameda County Library system has 11 branches, requesting an item means that if one of our branches owns something — a book or a DVD or a CD — it is possible to ask the library to send it to your closest branch.

For instance, say you recently joined a book group, and this month you are all reading Jamison's "An Unquiet Mind" (a book I recently finished and loved). But your local branch doesn't own it. So, when you



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

search the catalog, you see that another branch does. At that point, you can simply click on the option to "request" and by following the directions on the screen, the book will be sent to your library and you will be notified when it has arrived. If the book is actually available at the other library — that is, not checked out to someone else — it takes about a week or less for this transaction.

In case computers make you nervous, you could instead ask a librarian to either request it for you or show you how to do it. Some version of this process is used at most public libraries that have branches.

Some places charge for the service, some don't — Alameda County doesn't, for instance.

Many of you may already know about this and are already happily requesting books, music and movies from all over Alameda and Contra Costa County. However, did you know about LINK+? LINK+ is an incredible resource, especially for textbooks or more academic subjects. I used it extensively when I was in library school; in fact, I only bought one textbook during the 2½ years I was in graduate school — the rest of the books I borrowed (for free) from various libraries in California and Nevada, through LINK+.

Here's how it works: Say you have decided to pursue your interest in storytelling and you heard that Margaret Read MacDonald has a new book out called "Ten Traditional Tellers." So, you go to your library's Web site — either from home or at the library — and you search for that title. Unfortunately, it turns out it isn't available at any of the public libraries where you have a card: Contra Costa County, Berkeley, Oakland and Alameda County. You can't believe it — it sounds like the perfect book. But you

aren't ready to give up because you can still use LINK+.

You are still on the Alameda County Library site, and you see the blue "Search LINK+" at the top of the screen. Click on that and you are — four LINK+ sites: Claremont, CSU, UC Riverside and the city of Nevada. You look at the results for these libraries, and there are three clickable, so you click on this item.

You get a screen for your name, your card number and you want to pick up the answer all the questions four days later (your book arrives at your branch, where you are using your Alameda County library card. Amazing.)

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org or at the library, 510-526-7700. Read past columns at www.juliewinkelstein.com.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

1247 Marin Ave. 510-526-3720 or www.acclibrary.org

Hours: Mondays, noon to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, closed; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The library will present poet Phyllis Stowell from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday. Stowell is professor emerita at St. Mary's College, founder of its fine arts M.A. program, and former fellow of the Camargo Foundation in France. Her books include "Emergence," "Who Is Alice," "Ascent to Solitude," and a co-edited anthology, "Appetite:

Food as Metaphor." Forthcoming is "Shield," a collaboration with her daughter, painter Pacia Sallomi. Stowell's latest book, "Arc," reflects on mourning and moving forward.

■ A poetry-writing workshop led by Alison Seevak will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13. Seevak is an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area.

■ Friends of the Albany Library will hold a vintage, rare and collectibles book sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16. The sale will also include record sets, comic books, a silent auction, and a selection of 50-

cent books.

■ The library will be open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. starting Sept. 17. Join the Friends of the Albany Library, the Albany Library board and the many people of Albany who worked on the Measure G campaign on the first Sunday. A ribbon-cutting will be held at 1 p.m. followed by music and refreshments.

■ Readers with the Great Books Discussion club meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. to discuss selected books on this year's theme of "Parent and Child." The September book is "New African" by Andrea Lee; the October book is "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee

Williams; and the November book is "The Judgment" by Friedrich Schlegel. Drop-ins are welcome.

■ The Friends of the Albany Library annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 4:30 p.m. at the library. The featured local author Ellen West will be reading from her new novel, "The Legacy" in a historical setting in 14th century Italy. A light lunch will be served. Everyone is invited.

■ Weekly sing-alongs will be held on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. with Allen Boland. The sessions are for all ages. No prior experience required.

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EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

■ **BURGLARY** — A Persian rug was stolen from a residence on the 1000 block of Villa Nueva Avenue between about 4 p.m. Aug. 20 and about 3 p.m. Aug. 24.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

■ **ROBBERY** — Three males confronted a woman on the BART path at Stockton Avenue about 2 p.m., forced her to the ground and stole her purse, according to police. They fled toward San Pablo Avenue on foot. The suspects were described as 10-12 years old, one wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and one wearing a green shirt. There was no description of the third male.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A white 2006 Subaru Outback left running and

unoccupied in the driveway of a residence on the 8500 block of Roberta Drive was stolen about 7 a.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1992 Ford Explorer was stolen from the 1500 block of Lexington Avenue between about 7 p.m. and about 8:15 a.m. Aug. 26.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Two pairs of Nautica sunglasses were stolen from a vehicle between about 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at 1000 El Cerrito Plaza. The window of the vehicle was smashed.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

■ **BURGLARY** — Cash was stolen from a business in the 10700 block of San Pablo Avenue about 1:40 a.m. The business was entered through a roof opening because of construction.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

■ **PETTY THEFT** — A man reported about 3 p.m. that a light blue mountain bike was stolen from a field at Albany High School on Aug. 16.

■ **BATTERY** — A man and a bouncer of Club Mallard, 752 San Pablo Ave., told police they had been assaulted by each other about 1:05 a.m. after the bouncer tried to put the man under citizens arrest when the customer refused to leave, according to police.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

■ **BOMB THREAT** — Someone called the Safeway at 1500 Solano Ave. about 5:35 p.m. and stated "Did you know that you're going to be bombed?"

■ **HIT-AND-RUN** — A man reported that his tenant's vehicle was hit about 11 a.m. on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

■ **DUI** — A man was arrested on suspicion of DUI about 1:20 a.m. after an officer stopped his vehicle on San Pablo Avenue at Castro Street.

■ **DUI** — A person was arrested on suspicion of DUI about 11:50 a.m. after an officer stopped the vehicle on the 1100 block of Portland Avenue.

■ **HIT-AND-RUN** — A woman reported that her vehicle was hit about 2:05 p.m. while parked in the Safeway parking lot at 1500 Solano Ave.

FRIDAY, AUG. 25

■ **BURGLARY** — A man reported about 10 a.m. that his garage on the 800 block of San Carlos Avenue had been broken into the previous night. Two mountain bikes were stolen.

■ **BATTERY** — Police received a report about 10:55 p.m. that a 17-year-old girl was dragged and pushed in the previous 30 minutes to an hour at Albany Bowl, 540 San Pablo Ave. The girl denied medical care.

■ **BURGLARY** — A security company reported an alarm on the 800 block of Washington Ave. at 4:07 p.m. A check book, laptop computer, foreign coins and an unactivated credit card were stolen.

SATURDAY, AUG. 26

■ **DUI** — A man was arrested on suspicion of DUI about 2:30 a.m. after an officer stopped his vehicle on Pomona Avenue at Marin Avenue.

■ **IDENTITY THEFT** — A man reported about 3:55 p.m. that a bank representative told him that someone was using his Social Security number in Florida and Washington.

The man confirmed with Social Security that his number was being used.

SUNDAY, AUG. 27

■ **PETTY THEFT** — A woman's baby bag was stolen from her shopping cart while she was shopping about 6:40 p.m. at Target, 1057 Eastshore Highway.

■ **HIT-AND-RUN** — A vehicle was reportedly struck about 5 p.m. at the intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Solano Avenue.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

BART security funds

WITH MUCH FLOURISH last week, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced a \$2.9 million grant to help pay for security upgrades to the BART Transbay Tube. While the money is welcome, this grant is not nearly large enough to do the job.

The governor said he was directing the grant to BART because mass transit systems have become a high-profile targets for terrorists. He cited the train bombings in Madrid, Spain, London and Mumbai, India, as examples of what can happen.

He's certainly right about that. Four independent security assessments have determined that BART has \$250 million in security needs, but so far only \$21 million has been spent to make the system more secure.

The money is being directed to BART from the state's portion of the pool of federal Department of Homeland Security money.

While the grant money is not enough, it still remains the largest allocation BART has received from this source. Actually, only \$1.9 million comes from the pool. The other \$1 million comes from a different program. To be fair, however, the \$1.9 million is a significant portion of the \$5.7 million that Schwarzenegger had available for the region. It is a good beginning.

This grant money will go toward a classified project that BART officials have insisted is a crucial and immediate need. The project is estimated to cost between \$28 million and \$37 million.

BART officials have declined to reveal the exact nature of the security fix for fear of giving a would-be terrorist ideas. While we have not been briefed on the specifics, we have a pretty good idea as to its nature and we are convinced that the security upgrade is needed to maintain the system's integrity.

The BART board is as well. They are so convinced, in fact, that they have decided to spend about \$20 million that is meant to meet every day capital needs (train control, track, etc.) on this security project.

As we have said before, part of the problem in BART adequately obtaining Homeland Security funding is the system used for dispersal of the money.

BART, which is a regional operation, has little or no say in how grant money is distributed. For BART to get money it must win approval from cities and counties, which are themselves competing for the federal dollars to upgrade security, or from the 20 percent taken off the top of the pool by the state.

In the case of this grant Schwarzenegger had been urged to give BART money for the project by Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown and San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom. The mayors deserve credit for their leadership on this issue.

BART is a vital component of the Bay Area's transportation system and its structural integrity is essential. BART and all such vital regional agencies should have seats at the table and at least an equal voice to cities and counties when the Homeland Security money is allocated.

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Mayor Allan Maris

City Council — Meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays at the City Hall Council Chamber.

Community Development — Includes planning, building and maintenance.

510-528-5760

Web site: www.albanyca.org

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City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. 510-215-4300.

Mayor Janet Abelson

City Council — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. 510-215-4305.

Public Works — Report problems with city trees and sidewalks, burned-out street lights, potholes and clogged storm drains. 510-215-4382

Recycling Center — 7501 Schmidt Lane. 510-215-4350.

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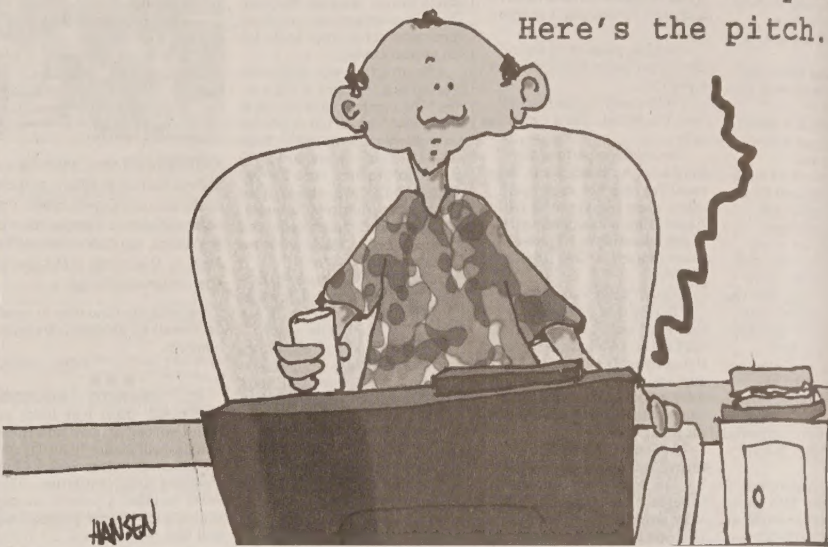
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Punishing political discourse

It is true but nonetheless routinely forgotten that punishment is the least-desirable means of influencing behavior.

In Albany, however, political discourse has become punishing. Gushing self-congratulations for their own right thinking, neighbors describe neighbors as corporate shills, mindless consumers, SoCal wannabees, good buddies of Karl Rove, Judases, and church-burning racists. I have never before witnessed such repugnant rhetoric in municipal politics.

Since it frequently comes up, I hope to clarify that drinking coffee, while thinking some development on the waterfront is a good thing, is neither illegal nor immoral. Likewise, drinking coffee, while thinking no development on the waterfront is a good thing, is equally normal.

In her Aug. 18 letter, Cheryl Taubenfeld stated that all supporters of Concerned Albany Neighbors either hosted or attended "a Caruso coffee" or "spoke publicly in favor of waterfront development." I've done none of those things.

I opposed the Citizens for the Albany Shoreline initiative for the waterfront because it was unnecessary in light of Measure C, and it intentionally sought to rig a planning process with a particular point of view. I am certain no initiative supporters burned down churches.

People who are undecided about the waterfront are routinely dehumanized in Albany these days. No matter one's beliefs in and actions on other social issues, waterfront politics are the acid test of righteousness.

Here's my prediction: If Albany someday decides there should be no waterfront development, CAN members and like-minded folks will step aside; if Albany someday decides there should be waterfront development, its opponents will cry foul and obstruct the decision.

Paul Klein
Albany

Make fact-based decisions

I am replying to Susan Adame's thoughtful letter in the Aug. 18 Journal.

She reasoned that since we are all deeply connected to the earth, we need watchful environmental groups to defend it. How, she asked, can people consider the Sierra Club a "special interest?" In general, I agree. But in the Albany waterfront situation, I can't.

As a one-time member of the Sierra Club and a student in the 1970s, I was relieved to have an effective and competent Sierra Club develop and thrive in its environmental victories. But even proud and wonderful organizations go through a life cycle, losing their original visionary and charismatic leadership.

The tactics the Sierra Club has employed in this debate, so important to Albany residents, are enough to give people pause: half-truths; hyperbole

guaranteed to scare people, instead of reasoned debate; actions such as the initiative to close off alternatives, instead of creating a larger field of ideas; and attacks on people who dare to disagree with them, creating a climate of intimidation.

These are not the tactics of a principled organization. They are the tactics President Bush and his Republican cronies use to scare people into supporting war, now being used by an environmental organization with iconic status. It's enough to make your head spin in confusion and to make your heart sad.

A group of local Sierra Club members strongly disagrees with the Sierra Club's position on the Albany waterfront, and has asked the club to rethink its posture. The Sierra Club has never even responded to this request.

What eventually happens on the waterfront will determine Albany's financial and aesthetic environment for generations to come.

Please gather all the facts to make your decision on any waterfront proposal and don't be led by the shining reputation of the Sierra Club, once richly deserved but now very muddled by its bullying approach.

Elnora Cameron
Albany

Cell towers unsafe

Senate Bill 1627 that would gut local control over cell tower siting (West County Times, Aug. 19) is a dangerous power grab.

Cell sites are ugly and hazardous, and should not be allowed to proliferate unchecked or be placed where communities do not want them.

A large body of respected scientific research demonstrates that the microwave radiation emitted by cell antennas poses risks of life-threatening illnesses, including cancer, and children are especially vulnerable.

This is one reason why Albany residents are among many local groups that have fought hard to keep cell towers off schools.

Federal law explicitly preserves local government control over where cell antenna sites can go; the state should not take this control away. Communities

know best where cell towers can be appropriately and safely located.

I urge readers to contact the governor and oppose this bill.

Election engineering

The Journal's Aug. 25 report on El Cerrito's tax poll missed crucial points. The city neglected streets, the evening pavement condition now some \$22 million to repair, growing several million dollars each year.

Councilman Bill Jones tried for a cent sales tax increase on the November ballot but was blocked, mainly by the incumbent council members. Sandra and Janet Abelson, campaigning for another term, didn't want to explain the city's finances aren't in good shape. Residents would have found out through the millions for the new City Hall raises, for newly hired staff, campaign

Other than postponement, the opinion survey is to muddy the facts and figure out how to sell the city on what City Hall wants.

There's an easy fix. The Lumber "Village" developer desperately seeks tenants for his empty offices. He could offer them for a chance to build more on City Hall's trailer site, adding functional ground-floor offices, for a fraction of the cost of the new City Hall. The council wants to pose in front of rustic-lodge-like structure.

Other examples of fiscal irresponsibility: Six million "redevelopment" dollars were promised for a new library. The delay doubles the cost, with taxpayers expected to cover the difference.

Forget Berkeley, El Cerrito is where one gets a degree in "Election Engineering." Once more residents learn of local mismanagement, we'll get a City Council.

Peter L.
El Cerrito

Conventional wisdom

American commerce is counting on you to fall in line with the following conventional wisdom.

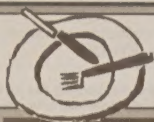
To legislators: Everyone accepts in exchange for supporting certain bills you'd be a fool not to. Everybody's money by shopping at Wal-Mart. It would be foolish not to.

Everyone uses the latest pharmaceuticals; only a fool wouldn't. Everyone drinks sodas and eats processed food. It would be weird, expensive and inconvenient not to.

Everyone's getting an SUV to protect themselves and their loved ones. It would be stupid not to — it is dangerous on the road.

Everyone is serving their own interests; how would they get ahead otherwise. Everyone buys stuff on credit. They are going to offer it to you, you'd be foolish not to take it.

Ron Green
El Cerrito



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Schools

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rooms typically have 27 or 28 students. The maximum class size for those grades is 31.

At the district's other elementary schools, Cornell and Marin, classroom sizes are at or near maximum, said Valdez.

"We're all very full," she said.

It was unclear whether Ocean View's fourth- and fifth-grade class sizes would be bumped up to 30 or 31 students or kindergarten through third grades would exceed the 20-student mark. If the lower grades did grow beyond that mark, Valdez said the school would get additional funding to keep K-3 class sizes at the state-mandated limit.

The school district was in the process of calling the students who have not showed up to see

whether they are coming or whether they have moved.

"It comes at an interesting time because we're in the middle of construction," Valdez said.

In November of 2004, Albany approved a \$13 million bond measure to modernize Marin and Ocean View elementary schools as well as Cougar Field.

MacGregor Continuation High School, which used some of Ocean View's classrooms, moved, and the space was set aside to house students whose regular classrooms were under renovation. Because of the influx of new students, portables had been erected in the front parking lot. They house a total of six classes: two kindergartens, one first grade and one second grade.

Because of the increase in students, the district won't take any interdistrict transfers for at least the next two years, Wong said.

The superintendent attributed

the district's rising numbers to an increase in growth at University Village and families moving into the district. The district didn't lose a lot of students, either, he said.

Most of the new students came from University Village, which is UC Berkeley housing next to the school.

"Where would I put them?" Wong said. "That's the closest place."

Ocean View also used to be a middle school and had about 700 students at one time, he said. The move to place about 100 children there has increased the school's population by roughly 20 percent to about 560 from the end of last year.

Everybody will be back in the renovated classrooms probably in January if everything goes smoothly, Valdez said.

The district was willing to give additional resources as needed, Valdez said.

Parks

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can play while you socialize."

Socializing — both for canines and humans — is an important part of the park's success.

Crescenzi and Kay Shen have been bringing their dog, George, to the park for about eight years.

"I'm here every day," Shen said. "You get to know the dogs, and you get to know the owners."

Mudpuppy's co-owner Daniel Bergerac said he knows of people getting married after meeting at Point Isabel.

"There's all sorts of community going on at the dog park," he said.

Bergerac and his Mudpuppy's partner, Eddie Lundeen — both residents of Kensington and owners of a "15-year-old retired greyhound racer" — started out 12 years ago with just the dog-washing business, operated out of a recreational vehicle. The service is popular after dogs have taken a dip in the Bay, rolled in dirt or mud, or splashed in puddles.

They expanded the business to include the cafe after receiving requests from dog owners.

The park, at the foot of Central Avenue on the Richmond shoreline, generates more than 500,000 canine visits annually and has an active dog owners association. PIDO — Point Isabel Dog Owners and Friends — issues regular newsletters to members and hosts cleanup days at the park.

With all its amenities, Point Isabel is certainly popular, but

"I used (Ohlone Dog Park) a lot when my dogs were younger, and I use it again now that they're senior citizens. Point Isabel served better in between because they could run freely and burn off energy."

— Sasha Futran

it's not the only East Bay locale that can claim top-dog status among canine recreation areas.

About five miles away in North Berkeley is Ohlone Dog Park, established in 1979 as the first dog park in the world, according to Doris Richards, a park founder.

Ohlone, on Hearst Avenue between Grant Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, received its own honor in May from Dog Fancy magazine and Novartis Animal Health US Inc., which ranked the place for pooches among the nation's top 10 dog parks.

The ranking came with a \$2,500 grant from Novartis to make the park accessible for older dogs and dogs suffering from arthritis.

Point Isabel didn't make the cut for the Dog Fancy list, but

there's no hint of rivalry between the two parks.

"We don't just stick with one, we visit both places," Richards said. "For a long time, we were the only (dog park). They're everywhere now."

The Ohlone Dog Park Association, in fact, played a role in establishing Point Isabel as a dog park.

"Point Isabel had a group that came and asked us to help them organize, and we did," Richards said. "That was 20 years ago."

Sasha Futran, a Berkeley resident who owns the training business In the Company of Dogs, said the two parks "serve very different purposes."

Ohlone — a smaller, fenced-in area accessible to surrounding neighborhoods — is best-suited for dogs too young or too old to run freely, as well as for owners whose own movement may be too limited to allow them to run with their dogs, Futran said.

"I used it a lot when my dogs were younger, and I use it again now that they're senior citizens," she said. "Point Isabel served better in between because they could run freely and burn off energy."

Whichever ranking you believe, the combination of the two parks and others that have sprung up across the East Bay gives dog owners some of the best options in the country.

"Aren't we lucky?" Richards said.

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Slaying

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The passengers in Robinson's car were not hit.

After Robinson was shot, they had to take control of the car, steering into things to try to get the vehicle stopped. As the vehicle was coming off the Gilman over-ramp, it crashed and came to rest.

The Buick was further described by witnesses as having 20-inch chrome wheels and a luggage rack on the trunk lid.

The driver was described as a Latino man in his 20s with shoulder-length black hair in a ponytail. The passengers were described as two black men about 18 years old and a Caucasian or Latina woman about 18 years old.

Despite following up on numerous leads, investigators do not know the motive for the slaying or whether Robinson was the intended victim.

Dolter said they need more information.

"There's definitely people in the suspect car that know what happened that may not have pulled the trigger," he said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Albany police at 510-525-7300.

Anyone interested in increasing the reward can get a tax deduction through the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation. For more information call the foundation at 888-813-8389.

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Cats

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The groups have the animals sterilized and make sure the felines have shots and leukemia testing. If feasible, the cats are returned to colonies, which are maintained by the groups.

"The solution is not euthanasia," Breitmayer said. It is only allowable, she added, when cats are very ill and have no chance of recovery.

Feeders provide food and medicine while watching over the colony, said Linda McCormick, executive director of Fix Our Ferals. The feeders know when new cats arrive, and if they are not spayed or neutered, they are trapped, surgically sterilized and returned.

"It's kind of a feeding/surveillance station," McCormick said.

And if the cats are tame and fit for adoption, they are adopted out, she said. Jin even took home a pair of colony kitties: Cindy three or four years ago and Neater a year or two later.

McCormick said there will always be feral cats, and the alternative is scrawny, ranging cats that breed.

"The goal is fewer and fewer cats," she said. The population of the colony by Golden Gate Fields has declined from about 25 to around 15 felines.

Some, however, want cats to be indoors.

Sherrill Cook, a spokesperson for Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek, said the museum has no official position on feral cats and feeding them, but she

said it would be nice if all cats were indoors.

Cats are responsible for about 20 percent of the animals brought into the museum's wildlife hospital.

The American Bird Conservancy launched in 1997 the Cats Indoors! Campaign for Safer Birds and Cats to educate people that everyone — and everything — benefits when felines are kept indoors or in an enclosure outdoors, or are trained to go outside on a harness or leash.

Scientists, according to the group's Web site, estimate cats allowed to roam at will kill hundreds of millions of wildlife each year.

But Jin said it is not fair to the felines if they aren't taken care of. Thanks to him and De Maria, the animals get food, water and medicine.

"It's very rewarding," McCormick said. "It's a good deed."

The Albany colony, which formed about 10 years ago, lives in brush along the shore, west of a parking lot behind Golden Gate Fields. The area features views of the Bay.

De Maria, who spends \$60 to \$70 a month on food and flea medicine, said she loves being with the felines.

"It's hard to give them up," De Maria said. "I know I'm going to go through cat withdrawal."

To volunteer to take De Maria's place, call Linda McCormick of Fix Our Ferals at 510-649-9111.

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Map

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and his older sons attended. The mural were oblique construction.

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After planning to get approval for the mural, the school district agreed to district agencies materials needed map.

A final push to get to completion started.

"The kids had when they got to mother, Donna was very determined."

"We're appreciative of Madera teacher who taught Housers. 'With all the school, it's good thing come home gone.'"

Given that Housers, had an Eagle rank a few years in the bar was set. Ethan, who was a task. Ethan had rank as he entered at El Cerrito High going for his award for badges beyond requirement. He is patrol leader for a year.


"Ethan's just ahead," Donna said, "that he's the biggest sacrifice to make to pursue even put driver's."

He still finds activities, though. Housers is the president at El Cerrito, a junior officer on line for the band. He also has high school and plays soccer.

"We have one too," Donna Housers said.

That would brother Zach Housers, 104 member, who at El Cerrito High.

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HAND CRAFTS: The home at 934 Wawona Ave. in Oakland's Crocker Highlands features a living room with a peaked box-beam ceiling and a fireplace with earth-colored tiles.

Elegant Arts and Crafts home graces Oakland's Crocker Highlands

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In 1921, Alan J. Yerrick — a prominent homebuilder in Oakland's Lakeshore and Adams Point neighborhoods — built the home at 934 Wawona Ave. in Oakland's Crocker Highlands for J.S. and E.W. Yerrick also designed West's Peralta Theater.

Set the home atop a gentle hill and set it off from the

street with an Art Nouveau-style wrought-iron gate with brick pillars.

The home offers fine views of the Bay Bridge and the Oakland skyline from the deck at the front of the house, living room and upper level.

The elegant living room has classic Arts and Crafts features of a boxed-beamed peaked ceiling and wainscoting. A grand fireplace is faced in earth-colored tiles. The

three-sided bay window at the front of the living room affords excellent bay views.

The handsome formal dining room with its built-in China cabinet is just off the living room through a set of original French doors. A matching set of French doors lead out onto the deck.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Oakland home offers modern amenities



A REMARKABLE RENOVATION using period fixtures with modern amenities sets this four-bedroom, one-and-one-half bath Rockridge home 5681 Keith Ave. apart. The home has a collector's wine cellar and organic landscaping that provide an enticing lifestyle opportunity. The potential for every space has been realized, from the garage that is now a photography studio to the basement that has a dog bath, an office and laundry room with a chute from the second story. New dual-pane windows were custom-crafted to match the originals. Modern amenities include a wine bar, a Viking range, a fountain in the garden and air conditioning. You'll also find rejuvenation fixtures and completely renovated kitchen and bathrooms. Old World features include decorative fireplaces, built-ins with stained glass and hardwood floors. The home is one-half block to Market Hall, BART and all of Rockridge's amenities. Available soon.

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The adjacent family room has banded lattice windows and is adjacent to the home's spacious eat-in kitchen.

An attractive balustraded staircase leads to the bedrooms on the second floor. The spacious master bedroom suite at the southwest corner of the house has a coved ceiling and offers wonderful San Francisco and bay views from a large picture window.

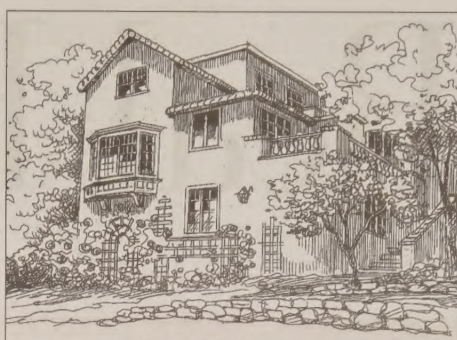
A walk-in closet and updated bath with a marble-tiled floor complete this suite.

The home is a superb example of the "English Garden Home" branch of the Arts and Crafts Movement. Its refined use of architectural details, the light-filled interior with its honestly stated natural materials — and the fact that this home makes full use of its splendid natural setting — are all hallmarks of this turn-of-the-century movement.

The home's exterior resembles the work of one of the leading architects of the "Garden Home," Charles F.A. Voysey (1857-1941).

Yerrick's low sloping rooflines with overhanging beveled edges, his subtle use of historic details like half-timbered paneling, wide bays with banded latticed windows all reflect Voysey's inspiration.

The home's low sloping, rooflines with overhanging beveled edges and subtle use of historic details resemble the work of one of the leading architects of the "Garden Home" branch of the Arts and Crafts Movement, Charles F.A. Voysey.



VITAL STATISTICS

What: A distinctive Arts and Crafts home in Oakland's Crocker Highlands neighborhood.

Size: Approximately 3,221 square feet set on a 1.8-acre lot.

Bedrooms: Four

Bathrooms: Two full and one partial

Features: This home's unique detailing includes a beveled edged roofline, half-timbered and banded lattice windows. The living room features a boxed-beamed peaked ceiling, wainscoting, a huge tiled fireplace and a bay window with lovely views.

Price: \$1,899,000; Open Sunday 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Listing agent: Nancy Lehrkind, The GRUBB Co., 510-339-0400, ext. 246

ARTS AND CRAFTS
designer of the home at 934 Wawona Ave. looked to English and Crafts movement for inspiration. The home's spacious room, far left, and the home's exterior is this inspiration.

Arts and Crafts: Not a style, but a movement

When Alan J. Yerrick designed the home at 934 Wawona Ave. he was not imitating a style, but tapping into a movement. The Arts and Crafts movement turned its back on the gaudy embellishments reflected in the Victorian-era Queen Anne style.

The movement also rebelled against the machine-made products of the Industrial Revolution and favored pre-revolution craftsmanship. The movement influenced decorative arts, architecture, cabinet making and crafts.

In the United States, the term Arts and Crafts movement or American Crafts movement denote the style of interior design that emerged between the dominant eras of Art Nouveau and Art Deco, or roughly the period from 1910 to 1930.

Americans involved in the movement were inspired by the grain of the wood or the form of the stone, choosing to incorporate walls of rich wood tones and rich earth tones.

Real Estate Focus:

Distinctive Mediterranean view home



PERCHED UPON A HALF-ACRE KNOLL in the Oakland hills, the Mediterranean-style home at 13070 Broadway Terrace was completed in 2002 and boasts panoramic views plus a level garden patio accented by beautiful rose bushes. Entertain effortlessly in the gracious dining room adjacent to the spacious living room which features a regal fireplace with copper accents and French doors leading to the patio and the view. Eat-in kitchen with a premium appliances offers a breakfast bar and family room opening out to the garden patio and view. The master suite with a balcony takes full advantage of the bay and bridge views and includes a sitting room which shares a two-way fireplace with the bedroom. Enjoy the timeless beauty of custom ironwork, soaring ceilings and classic architectural details throughout this well maintained home. A dramatic private driveway leads to a three-car garage and additional outdoor parking areas. There are four bedrooms plus an office and three full baths plus a powder room. The home is just minutes to Montclair Village.

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Investing in large-cap stocks

When talking about investments, you often hear about some companies — or other investment vehicles, for that matter — referred to by interesting nicknames. While you may be familiar with the term "blue chips," some investors use terms such as the "big kahuna," "the big fish," or the "giants of Wall Street" to describe the stocks of companies that are categorized as large-cap. But what does this mean?

The word cap is short for a company's capitalization, which is a measure by which we can classify a company's financial size.

Market cap refers to the value of a company; it is found by taking the company's current stock price and multiplying it by the total number of shares outstanding. The classification of companies into different caps can help investors to gauge their growth versus risk potential.

The universe of publicly traded common stocks can usually be divided into three main categories, classified as "large-cap," "mid-cap," and "small-cap," stocks. Historically, large cap stocks have typically experienced slower growth with lower risk, while smaller caps have experienced higher growth potential, but with higher risk. That is because it is easier to imagine a smaller company having greater potential to double its sales and/or profits in

each of the next five years than it is to imagine an industry giant or conglomerate doing the same. Past performance is never a guarantee of future results, but in general these trends have held for many years. Keep in mind, an investment in stocks will fluctuate with market conditions and may be worth more or less than your original amount upon redemption.

We can understand large caps a little better by identifying a few of their common characteristics. Generally, a company would be considered large cap when its market capitalization reaches a level of \$10 billion or greater. As the name implies, these companies are also very large in size and scope. Generally, large cap stocks represent the largest publicly traded companies that are oftentimes leaders in their respective industries. In addition, large cap stocks are usually considered to be relatively stable because they represent investments in huge companies (bigger companies are typically expected to have less business risk than smaller companies), and generally these stocks are also widely held by investors.

Does size matter? In a word, yes. Different-sized companies perform differently in the financial markets. Markets tend to move in cycles, sometimes favoring small-caps versus large-caps. Large-cap companies have usually

been in business longer and have therefore generated a track record. Because of this, large cap companies can generally attract higher interest rates, making them more attractive to investors.

Additionally, large cap companies may have stronger and greater access to capital markets, as they often pay dividends.

When you consider large-caps to your portfolio, it is important to remember that they are many other factors, including your personality, your goals and objectives, and your risk tolerance. That's why you may want to consider large caps to see how they fit with your current

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Marvin Gardens welcomes new agents

Marvin Gardens Real Estate agents, Sharon Combs-Brown, Maggie Resnick and Toba Schwartz, joined the Marvin Gardens Real Estate team. The agents have a common thread: they all moved to the Bay Area to work in a real estate company. Combs-Brown has 16 years of residential real estate experience in the Bay Area, known for her strong

advocacy and negotiating skills, and for her sense of humor: qualities that are professionally as well as personally useful to this mother of three sons and four stepsons. Combs-Brown and her family recently moved to El Cerrito from Walnut Creek.

Combs-Brown is a keen golfer, and says that she is happy to be so much closer to the Mira Vista Golf Course.

Marvin Gardens is happy to have her in its neighborhood and in El Cerrito office, said Ron Egberman, veteran agent and owner of Marvin Gardens.

El Cerrito resident Maggie Resnick is the company's most recent addition, and was a 1st- and 2nd-grade teacher at the Kensington Hilltop School for over 16 years. Maggie became a Realtor four years ago, and until the

end of May was working for a large corporate broker.

Resnick says that she came to Marvin Gardens for the "family feeling" she finds here. A talented gardener who brings beautiful flowers to the El Cerrito office, she also enjoys weaving in her spare time.

Toba Schwartz brings 30 years of residential real estate knowledge to the team. Toba started her real estate career in Beverly Hills, and moved to the Bay Area 16 years ago.

Schwartz now lives in Albany, and is joining her daughter, Marvin Gardens agent Suzanne Baum, in creating a "two-generation team of total service."

"Marion Hénon and Todd Hodson and I are very excited about the addition of our three stars," said Egberman.



NEW TO THE COMPANY: This trio has just joined Marvin Gardens Real Estate; from left to right are Sharon Combs-Brown, Maggie Resnick and Toba Schwartz.



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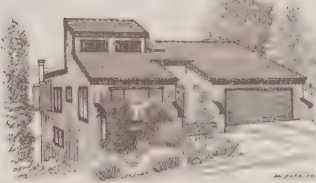
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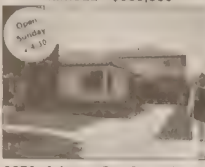
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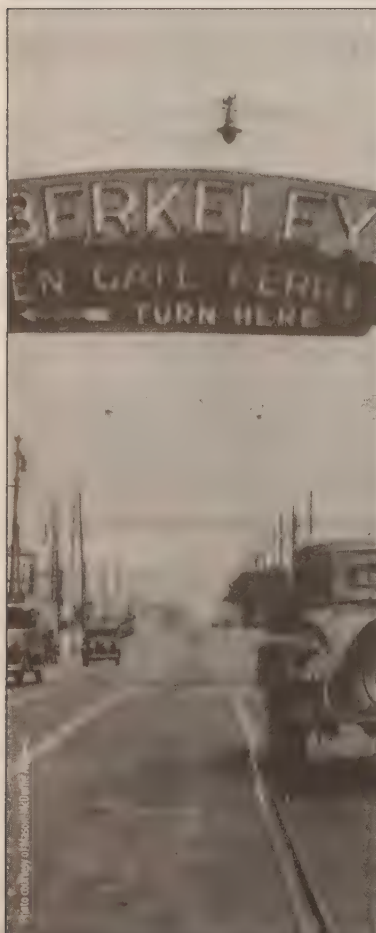
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303 OLIVE AVENUE \$789,000
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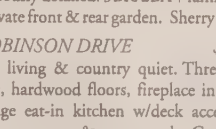
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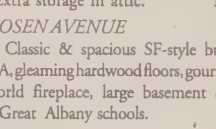
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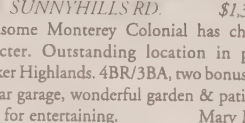
1154 SUNNYHILLS RD. \$1,345,000
Handsome Monterey Colonial has charm & character. Outstanding location in popular Crocker Highlands. 4BR/3BA, two bonus rooms, two-car garage, wonderful garden & patio. Ideal home for entertaining. Mary Merrick



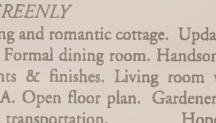
3520 ROBINSON DRIVE \$759,000
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1503 POSEN AVENUE \$689,000
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OAKLAND. Stunning estate w/spectacular views from Contra Costa to Alameda county. Excellent for shared living including a 2BR apartment. Spectacular garden w/expansive lawns. Beautiful finishes throughout. A. Tunney/K. Buchholz



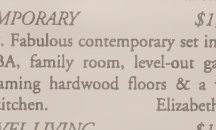
CHARMING PIEDMONT \$1,325,000
PIEDMONT. Charming Piedmont home w/great architectural details. 4BR & 2 new elegant baths, granite kitchen & family room w/access to the lovely patio & gardens. Elizabeth Dickson



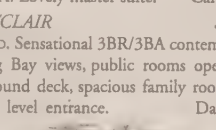
CONTEMPORARY \$799,000
OAKLAND. Newer contemporary w/unique look & distinctive finishes. Open floor plan, wonderful kitchen/family room & living room w/fireplace. 3BR/2BA. Lovely master suite. Carolyn Jones



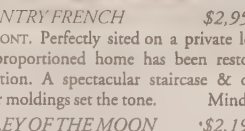
COUNTRY FRENCH \$2,950,000
PIEDMONT. Perfectly sited on a private lot, this well proportioned home has been restored to perfection. A spectacular staircase & original plaster moldings set the tone. Mindy Scott



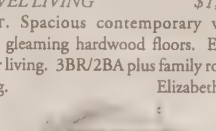
CONTEMPORARY \$1,195,000
PIEDMONT. Fabulous contemporary set in the trees, 3+BR/2+BA, family room, level-out garden and patio, gleaming hardwood floors & a wonderful updated kitchen. Elizabeth Dickson



CONTEMPORARY \$759,000
OAKLAND. Sensational 3BR/3BA contemporary w/ stunning Bay views, public rooms open to large wrap-around deck, spacious family room, garden patio & level entrance. Dana Cohen



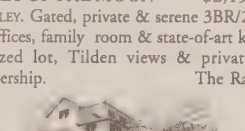
VALLEY OF THE MOON \$2,195,000
BERKELEY. Gated, private & serene 3BR/2+BA, two offices, family room & state-of-art kitchen, oversized lot, Tilden views & private pool membership. The Ratcliffes



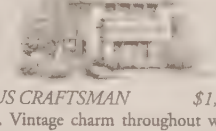
ONE-LEVEL LIVING \$1,125,000
PIEDMONT. Spacious contemporary w/vaulted ceilings & gleaming hardwood floors. Easy access to outdoor living. 3BR/2BA plus family room. One level living. Elizabeth Dickson



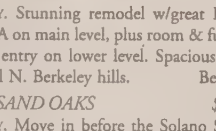
CONTEMPORARY \$799,000
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ENGLISH GARDEN HOME \$1,895,000
OAKLAND. Exquisite Arts & Crafts style w/grand public rooms, original architectural details & Bay views. Handsome Redwood paneled attic, full basement & two-car garage. Nancy Lehrkind



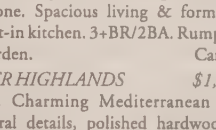
SPACIOUS CRAFTSMAN \$1,095,000
PIEDMONT. Vintage charm throughout with room for everyone. Spacious living & formal dining rooms. Eat-in kitchen. 3+BR/2BA. Rumpus room. Lovely garden. Carol Brown



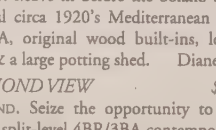
BAY VIEWS! \$750,000
BERKELEY. Stunning remodel w/great Bay views! 2BR/1BA on main level, plus room & full bath w/ separate entry on lower level. Spacious & bright! Beautiful N. Berkeley hills. Bebe McRae



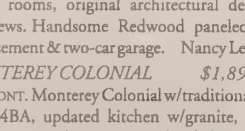
MONTEREY COLONIAL \$1,895,000
PIEDMONT. Monterey Colonial w/traditional style, 3+BR/4BA, updated kitchen w/granite, terrific family room w/direct access to lovely level garden & patio. Close to all schools. Elizabeth Dickson



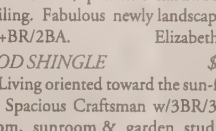
CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,029,000
OAKLAND. Charming Mediterranean w/lovely architectural details, polished hardwood floors, beamed ceiling. Fabulous newly landscaped garden & lawn, 3+BR/2BA. Elizabeth Dickson



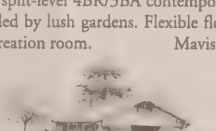
THOUSAND OAKS \$650,000
BERKELEY. Move in before the Solano Stroll, this delightful circa 1920's Mediterranean home has 2BR/1BA, original wood built-ins, lovely rose garden & a large potting shed. Diane Verducci



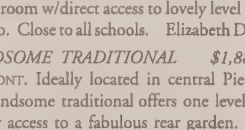
HANDSOME TRADITIONAL \$1,889,000
OAKLAND. Ideally located in central Piedmont this handsome traditional offers one level living & easy access to a fabulous rear garden. 3+BR/3+BA & family room. Elizabeth Dickson



ELMWOOD SHINGLE \$950,000
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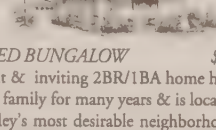
RICHMOND VIEW \$599,000
RICHMOND. Seize the opportunity to own this spacious split-level 4BR/3BA contemporary home surrounded by lush gardens. Flexible floorplan & huge recreation room. Mavis Delacroix



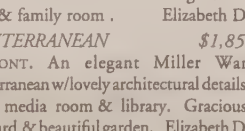
MEDITERRANEAN \$1,850,000
PIEDMONT. An elegant Miller Warnecke Mediterranean w/lovely architectural details. 4BR/3+BA, media room & library. Gracious front courtyard & beautiful garden. Elizabeth Dickson



MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY \$949,000
OAKLAND. This beautifully designed home has dramatic interior spaces perfect for entertaining. Master suite & elegant bath. 2BR, kitchen/family & library w/wet bar. Michelle Winchester



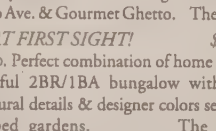
BELOVED BUNGALOW \$595,000
This light & inviting 2BR/1BA home has been in the same family for many years & is located in one of Berkeley's most desirable neighborhoods, close to Solano Ave. & Gourmet Ghetto. The Ratcliffes



HEART OF CLAREMONT \$1,650,000
BERKELEY. This traditional (c. 1908) Craftsman 4+BR/4+BA home by Newsom & Newsom boasts period details, an enchanting creekside garden & au-pair suite. M. Delacroix/C. Jones



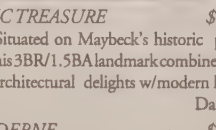
HISTORIC TREASURE \$875,000
BERKELEY. Situated on Maybeck's historic pedestrian walkway, this 3BR/1.5BA landmark combines exquisite details & architectural delights w/modern kitchen & baths. Dana Cohen



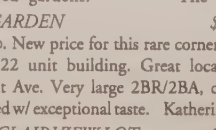
LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT! \$585,000
OAKLAND. Perfect combination of home & garden: a beautiful 2BR/1BA bungalow with original architectural details & designer colors set in lovely landscaped gardens. The Ratcliffes



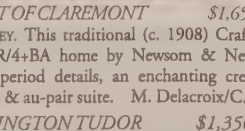
KENSINGTON TUDOR \$1,350,000
KENSINGTON. Totally renovated upper Kensington Tudor with Bay views! 3BR/2.5BA plus huge lower level for office and family room or studio w/ separate entry! Like new! Bebe McRae



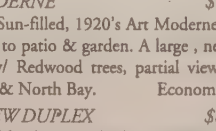
ART MODERNE \$849,000
BERKELEY. Sun-filled, 1920's Art Moderne fixer, w/ easy access to patio & garden. A large, nearly level property w/ Redwood trees, partial views of Mt. Tamalpais & North Bay. Economides/Hill



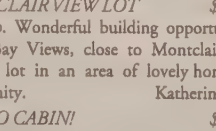
ROSE GARDEN \$499,000
OAKLAND. New price for this rare corner condo in coveted 22 unit building. Great location near Piedmont Ave. Very large 2BR/2BA, completely remodeled w/ exceptional taste. Katherine Cooper



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Free Classes

Investors. Bay Area Investors Educational Services of Oakland offers a monthly program on the benefits of and strategies for investing in real estate. The two-part program "The Hot Albuquerque Market and Using Notes To Invest" is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5. Call for ticket and location information at 510-339-9014.

Start-Up. Join Investment Consultant and media personality **Dennis Kameny** for a workshop on "How to Get Started in Real Estate Investing," Saturday, Sept. 9. Call about tuition and locations for this all-day session at 800-776-1675.

Buyers. Get a north Oakland market overview at "The Buyers Market is Here!" seminar, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 9. The free class offers timely insights into home buying. The location is the Parkwoods Club in Oakland. Speakers include **Barbara Roth** of Security Pacific Real Estate, **Chris Roberts** of Diversified Capital and **Patsy Czabarek** of Placer Title. Reserve your spot by calling 925-280-8575.

Nightingales. Nurses are there for our communities when needed. Frequently they cannot afford to buy a home. A seminar, "First Homes For Nurses" will be held 1 p.m., Saturday Sept. 30. Special programs are offered to help qualify for down payment and closing cost assistance. Call the Hotline 888-681-7771 ext. 707.

Cyber Chats. Do you like to shop online? The Internet is a growing real estate marketplace. If you would like to learn the ins and outs of buying and selling, join in on the monthly Q & A session with the Real Estate Consulting Center. Register for the May meeting at www.realestateconsultingcenter.com

First Home. "How To Buy Your First Home" is held at Citibank in Alameda. Join **Alice Tsai** of RE/MAX Accord and **Joe Bohannon** of CitiMortgage at the next session. Contact **Tai** at Alice@EastBayHouseHunters.com or call 866-407-0884.

Careers

Have you ever wondered about a career in real estate? Want to know what it takes? What type of schooling is involved? How do I prepare for the exam? The answers to your questions are available through the Noble Fields School of Real Estate. For more information call the Oakland office at 510-451-7977 or the main office, in San Francisco at 415-956-6169.

FORMALLY FUNKY

The Alameda Association of Realtors plans the Second Annual "Funky Formal," Saturday, Oct. 7. Think Bridesmaids dresses and leisure suits. Sponsors are needed. Advertising opportunities in the event program are available now. Call 510-523-7229 before Friday, Sept. 8. The event will benefit the Civic Light Opera.

SENIOR MOVE

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SOMEONE SAID

■ Welcome Sally. The search is over. **Sally Dunker** joins the Berkeley Association of Realtors as the new Association Executive. You can say welcome too at 510-848-4286.

■ Have you seen my book review of **Oral Lee Brown's** book "The Promise." The review, written by this columnist can be seen on page 1 of the Oakland Association of Realtors August Newsletter on their Web site at www.Oar.org. To learn about the review writer's own book, go to www.BobbieReid.com.

WHAT?

I'll announce your news item in this column. Information deadline is two weeks before the event. E-mail to bobbierid@mindspring.com.

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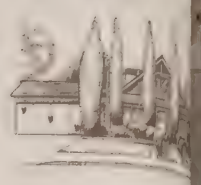


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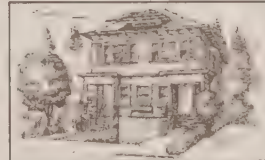
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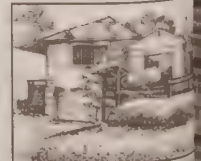
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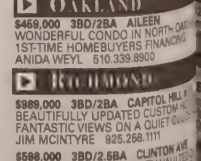
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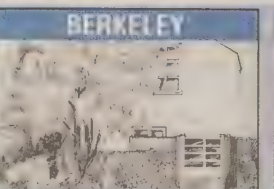
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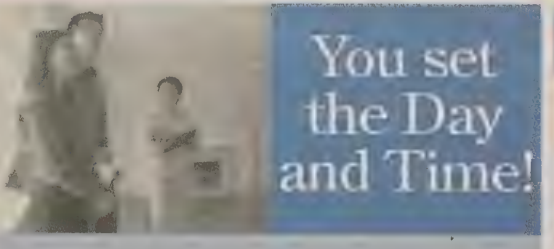
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2260 74TH AVENUE
\$409,000
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Wait 24 months to use home sale tax break

Dear Bob: In 1990 we bought a rental condo on which we deducted depreciation over the years. In January 2003 we made the condo our primary residence. We sold it in July 2005. Then we moved into a house we had purchased in July 2000. If we sell this house now and close the sale in June 2006, can we sell without paying capital gains tax? — **Lucy M.**

As for your house that you want to sell in June 2006, it cannot qualify for the IRC 121 tax exemption. The reason is because you used IRC 121 for the July 2005 sale of your condo principal residence. IRC 121 can only be used once every 24 months. Because you used this generous tax break for the June 2005 condo sale, you cannot use your tax exemption up to \$500,000 again until

July 2007. If you sell your house in June 2006, your capital gain will be fully taxable.



ROBERT BRUSS

The IRC 121 tax exemption can only be used once every 24 months.

Dear Lucy: No. Run, don't walk, to your personal tax adviser's office. It appears you are about to make a very costly mistake. If I follow your letter correctly, you lived in the former rental condo as your principal residence for at least 24 of the 60 months before its sale. Therefore, its sale qualifies for the Internal Revenue Code 121 principal residence sale tax exemption up to \$250,000 (up to \$500,000 for a qualified married couple filing a joint tax return in the year of the home sale). However, the depreciation you deducted during the condo rental period will be "recaptured" and taxed at the special 25 percent federal tax rate (plus any applicable state tax).

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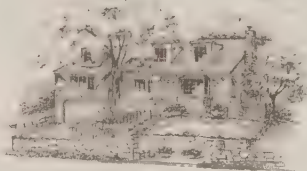
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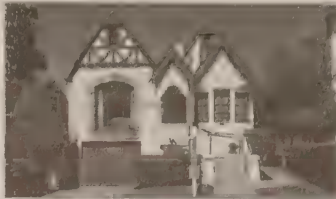
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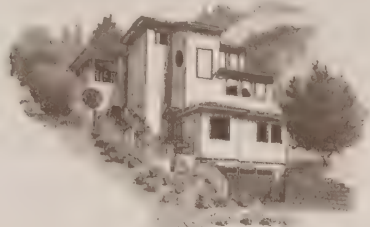
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NEW CLAREMONT HILLS LISTING
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1999 Tunnel Road, Oakland
Offered at \$1,549,000

3400+/- square feet of luxury, packaged in a brand new R. Janzen designed custom contemporary in the Claremont Hills. The residence has 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, elevator, separate guest or office suite, fabulous gourmet kitchen, sky high ceilings, walls of glass and level indoor/outdoor living areas offering the ultimate in fine California living.

NEW OAKLAND HILLS LISTING
OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2-5PM



12700 Brookpark Road, Oakland
Offered at \$799,000

This bright, open 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home is located in the popular Parkridge Estates neighborhood in the Oakland Hills and has the rare combination of a large lot and a spectacular view of the East Bay Regional Parklands and Mt. Diablo! The hardwood floors, updated kitchen, remodeled baths, formal dining room, fireplace, deck, gardens and 2-car attached garage all help to make this home special. Commune with nature by exploring the nearby East Bay Regional Parks and hiking trails.



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UPPER ROCKRIDGE
OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2-4:30PM



6357 Brookside Drive, Oakland
Offered at \$1,500,000

Mark Becker designed 4BR/3.5BA Mediterranean with attention to detail and fine craftsmanship. Built in 2000, this home has a gourmet eat-in kitchen, and is level-out from the formal dining room to the garden and patio. There is an au pair/guest/office suite with bath and separate entrance. Becker signature amenities include hand-troweled walls, beautifully arched doorways, rounded corners and a dramatic fireplace. Minutes from BART, SF freeways, and College Avenue shopping and dining.

COMING SOON IN UPPER ROCKRIDGE



4878 Harbord Drive, Oakland

Built in 1955 with clean, simple style, this Upper Rockridge bay view home has a versatile floor plan. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, living room/dining room combination, large eat-in-kitchen, family room & office provide abundant living space. The private master suite and office with sunny deck are upstairs while all other rooms are on the main level. The kitchen and 2 bedrooms open to the patio. The location is close to Hillcrest Elementary and St. Theresa Schools.

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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,495,000
311 HILLTOP CRES.
Fabulous updated mid-century in setting with walls of glass to fabulous level-out terrace landscaping & bay view. 4BR/3BA. Dick Cohen x1318 & Jeffrey Neideman x1385

BERKELEY \$1,350,000
1000 EUCLID AVE.
Chic 2BR/2BA penthouse with fabulous outdoor terrace. Sleek kitchen, hardwood floors, air conditioning. Luxury building with pool, gym, 2-car garage. Dana Dworin x1384

OAKLAND HILLS \$1,219,000
100 TERRABELLA WAY
Mediterranean style 4+BR/2.5BA, bay views, deck & rear yard, dramatic entry, kitchen/pantry combo. Formal dining room, office. David Ichikawa x1331



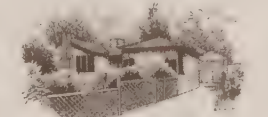
HADDON HILL \$995,000
630 HADDON RD.
Turn-of-the-century Dutch Colonial with 3+BR/3BA, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen & bath, large master suite with fireplace. 2-car garage. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



PIEDMONT \$975,000
361 MORAGA AVE.
Wonderful 4BR/2BA level-in home is conveniently located close to schools & Piedmont Avenue. Beautiful colors, updated kitchen, generous-sized public rooms. Kathleen Callahan x1343

MONTCLAIR \$899,000
8039 BROADWAY TERR.
All-level home with bay views & a terrific Great Room floor plan. Beautiful enclosed yard & gardens with wonderful covered deck. 2BR/2BA. Dick Cohen x1308 & Sandi Klemmer x1314

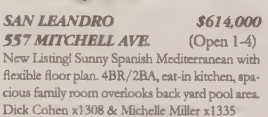
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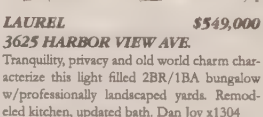
SAN LEANDRO \$614,000
557 MITCHELL AVE.
(Open 1-4) New Listing! Sunny Spanish Mediterranean with flexible floor plan. 4BR/2BA, eat-in kitchen, spacious family room overlooks back yard pool area. Dick Cohen x1308 & Michelle Miller x1335



PIEDMONT price upon request
Beautiful 3BR/1BA craftsman close to Beach elementary & Piedmont Avenue. Spacious living room, formal dining room, delightful eat-in kitchen, separate office, garage. Sheila Gallagher x1383

EMERYVILLE \$549,000
1050 45TH ST.
Arts & Crafts tiled fireplace, built-ins, vintage stove, retro lino, 2 bedrooms, breakfast room, bonus room, full basement, landscaped garden. Lorri Arazi x1330

LAUREL \$549,000
3625 HARBOR VIEW AVE.
Tranquility, privacy and old world charm characterize this light filled 2BR/1BA bungalow w/ professionally landscaped yards. Remodeled kitchen, updated bath. Dan Joy x1304



LAUREL \$739,000
Charming 1934 English Tudor w/ all the amenities of a newer home. 3BR/1+BA, large kitchen, breakfast room, formal dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace. Lovely yard w/ hot tub. Kathy Flynn x1317

BY APPOINTMENT



OAKLAND HILLS \$3,995,000
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,500,000
Incredible 4+BR/4+BA Traditional w/ fabulous views. Master bedroom w/ fireplace, billiard room w/ fireplace & 50s style soda fountain, separate laundry, beautiful gardens. Francis Heath x1357

NORTH BERKELEY \$1,150,000
Handsome shingle in the heart of North Berkeley w/ large rooms and versatile floor plan. 5BR/3BA incl. office/studio/au pair suite. Views, level yard, 2 car garage. Tour @ GiniErck.com. x1339

BERKELEY \$2,150,000
Stunning ultra-sleek contemporary remodeled w/ imported exotic tile. Unique stainless steel kitchen, master floor, chef's kitchen. Glass-walled master & sweeping views. Steven Biasatti x1379

ALCANTARA ESTATES \$1,695,000
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,649,000
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NORTH BERKELEY \$924,500
Conservatorship sale contingent upon court confirmation hearing scheduled for October 24, 2006. The first offer must be \$924,500, "as is", and non-contingent. Tour @ GiniErck.com. x1339



GRAND LAKE \$995,000
Architectural gem w/ crown molding, lots of windows, beautiful vistas, built-ins & glass pocket doors. 2-car garage, gardens, convenient location. 4+BR/2+BA. Donna DeBardi x1374

BERKELEY \$960,000
2+BR/2+BA. Romantic brown shingle + cottage near Gourmet Ghetto. San Francisco & Golden Gate views. Remodeled kitchen. Lush garden. Near Chez Panisse. Nancy Noman x1373



GLENVIEW \$949,000
Stunning 1932 Mediterranean with superb architectural details throughout. 4BR/2+BA, updated kitchen, large family room opens to a deck & lawn. Additional studio space. Lori Lombardo x1377

SAN LEANDRO \$849,000
Classic 1929 Tudor in Escondido Estates. Updated kitchen & bath, gracious formal rooms, 3BR/1+BA, charming breakfast room, family room & expansion potential. Michelle Miller x1335



ROCKRIDGE \$795,000
Fabulous fixer, rare opportunity. Bring your contractors. Three ++ bedrooms, four bathrooms. Great location near College Avenue and Elmwood. Ashley O'Neill x1368



NORTH BERKELEY \$815,000
Extraordinary Bay views & architectural integrity in a serene natural setting w/ good indoor/outdoor flow. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen/family room. Tour at www.GiniErck.com. x1339



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$645,000
Sweet 1940s home off Trestle Glen. Living room features picture window, fireplace & built-ins. Charming upgraded kitchen, remodeled bath, 2BR/1BA, hardwood flrs. Dolores Thom x1364



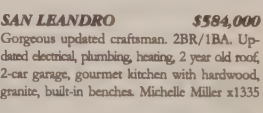
ADAMS POINT \$233,000
Sophisticated Zen Alcove Studio - West Elm meets Ikea. Newer kitchen, updated bathroom, newer carpet, freshly painted in designer colors. Peaceful patio. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

BERKELEY \$650,000
Fabulous, sun-filled three-level live-work condominium. Two-plus bedrooms, two-plus baths. Soaring ceilings. Dramatic! Nancy Noman x1373



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$605,000
Cheery 1925 Mediterranean, 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen & bath, refinished hardwood floors, fireplace, landscaped front. Rear patio/garden, garage. Dolores Thom x1364

SAN LEANDRO \$584,000
Gorgeous updated craftsman. 2BR/1BA. Updated electrical, plumbing, heating, 2 year old roof, 2-car garage, gourmet kitchen with hardwood, granite, built-in benches. Michelle Miller x1335



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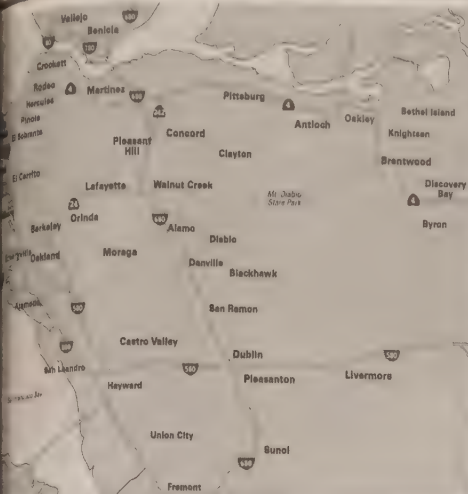
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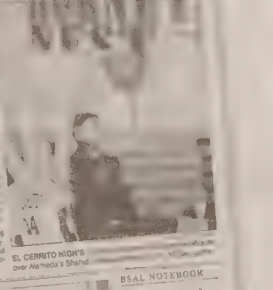
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Alameda triples its pleasure

By Scott Strum
The Alameda team has a special reason to celebrate. After a long season of hard work and dedication, the team has finally achieved its goal of winning the championship. The team's success is a testament to their hard work and teamwork. The coach, Coach [Name], has led the team to victory through his strategic coaching and encouragement. The players have shown great skill and determination throughout the season. The team's victory is a source of pride for the entire community. The Alameda team is a true example of what can be achieved through hard work and teamwork.



Oilers set for NCS opener

By [Name]
The Oilers are set to kick off their season with a game against the NCS. The team is looking forward to a successful season and hopes to win the championship. The coach, Coach [Name], has high expectations for the team and believes they have the talent to succeed. The players are motivated and ready to give their best effort. The Oilers are excited to start their season and are confident they can achieve their goals.



Canceled games hurt

By [Name]
The cancellation of games has caused a significant impact on the team's schedule and morale. The team has been forced to adjust their plans and has lost valuable practice time. The coach, Coach [Name], is disappointed by the cancellations but remains optimistic about the team's performance. The players are understanding of the situation and are focused on making the most of the games they do play. The team is determined to overcome the challenges and achieve their goals.

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Legacy Home Tour features Victorian-era Alameda

BY JUDITH LYNCH
CORRESPONDENT

Part of the allure of the island of Alameda is thousands of older homes recycled by families who love the craftsmanship and sense of history that animates these vintage places.

Eight such houses will be open for a tour in September when you can see for yourself the benefits of reusing older buildings. In addition to historic architectural details, these spectacular Victorian-era homes will showcase furnishings, art and antiques worthy of five star museums.

One of those open will be the Baldwin-Pell house, now inhabited by the Carvalho family: Connie, Ken, 5-year-old Charles, and new baby Julia.

In Alameda even historic people are recycled. Over the past few years many characters have strolled through the homes on tour; some have even danced in the gardens. These include Queen Victoria and her consort Prince Albert.



VICTORIAN-ERA BOOKENDS: The 1854 Gothic Revival-style Webster House, inset left, and the 1898 Colonial Revival-style Webster House, above, represent styles that mark the beginning and the end of the Victorian-era. This year's Legacy Home Tour will feature homes, styles and aspects of the era.

Asked why they decided to restore their 1889 property, rather than buy or build new, Ken Carvalho said, "We tried living in a modern townhouse, but it was cramped and hadn't the spacious aspect of our Victorian. To accommodate our growing family, we remodeled the upstairs using authentic molding and proportions to create a magical place for our children."

The Carvalhos' collection of bizarre taxidermy is a perfect example of the Victorian decorating precept that you can never have too much in a room.

Their parlor has many splendid specimens of that 19th century pastime: a peacock in full regalia, an egret, an armadillo, a beaver, a

badger, a skunk, and two dainty horse fetuses.

Their walls are festooned with another reused item from the Victorian epoch, hair from deceased loved ones woven into wreaths, collages, and jewelry.

In Alameda even historic people are recycled. Over the past few years many characters have strolled through the homes on tour; some have even danced in the gardens.

We have welcomed Queen Victoria and her consort Prince Albert; King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra; San Simeon architect Julia Morgan, Gov. George Pardee; dancers Vernon and Irene Castle; and even reprobate jailbird turned stable hand Riccardo Cavalleri. Who knows who will turn up in 2006?

IN HER NAME: Queen Victoria, right, ruled England from 1837 to 1901. During her reign a number of architectural styles passed across Alameda's stage, from the early-19th century Gothic Revival to the Colonial Revival, which began during the last part of Victoria's reign and survived into the 20th century.



TICKETS

To buy tickets by mail, send a check payable to ALHT to the Alameda Museum, 2324 Alameda Ave., Alameda CA 94501. Checks must be postmarked no later than Saturday, Sept. 9 for the lower ticket price.

To buy tickets using PayPal, visit the alamedamuseum.com Web site. Print the PayPal voucher as proof of payment and bring it to Franklin Park or the museum.

To pick up \$20 tickets at the museum, stop by no later than 4 p.m., Saturday Sept. 16.

The Legacy Guidebook is your map and ticket and will be available at the museum starting 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13.

IF YOU GO

What: Alameda Legacy Home Tour featuring eight Victorian homes and a church.

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 17.

Where: Tour starts at San Antonio Avenue Street.

Tickets: \$20 in advance of the tour; includes Legacy Guidebook and refreshments.

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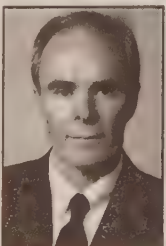


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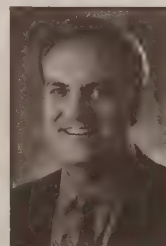
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Amador Village	Hayward	(866) 861-6986	X www.apartments.com/amadorvillage	1200 - 1500	X	X	X
Hidden Hills Apartments	Laguna Niguel	(866) 477-8564	X www.apartments.com/hiddenhills	725 - 1225	X	X	X
Niguel Summit Apt Homes	Laguna Niguel	(866) 471-1047	X www.apartments.com/niguelsummit	875 - 1275	X	X	X
Seaview Summit	Laguna Niguel	(866) 464-0208	X www.apartments.com/seaviewsummit	1250 - 1525	X	X	X
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Portola Meadows Apts	Livermore	(866) 217-7219	X www.apartments.com/dhportolameadows	1100 - 1200	X	X	X
Villa Palms Apartments	Livermore	(866) 281-4734	X www.apartments.com/villapalms	800 - 1325	X	X	X
Plaka Family Apartments	Martinez	(866) 803-5207	X www.apartments.com/plaka	875 - 1850	X	X	X
Plum Tree Apartments	Martinez	(866) 288-1276	X www.apartments.com/plumtreeapartments	800 - 950	X	X	X
Regency Plaza Apartments	Martinez	(866) 290-4751	X www.apartments.com/regencypalazaca	925 - 1225	X	X	X
Pine Ridge Apartments	Modesto	(866) 247-2946	X www.apartments.com/dhpineridge	875 - 1200	X	X	X
Spartan Manor Senior Living	Modesto	(866) 225-5885	X www.apartments.com/spartanmanor	1000 - 1850	X	X	X
Monte Vista at Morgan Hill	Morgan Hill	(866) 812-9244	X www.apartments.com/montevisitamorganhill	725 - 895	X	X	X
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Saratoga Downs	Napa	(866) 791-4090	X www.apartments.com/saratogadowns	675 - 1040	X	X	X
Hawthorn Village	Napa	(877) 252-0480	X www.apartments.com/hawthornvillage	927 - 1292	X	X	X
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The Landing at Jack London Sq	Oakland	(866) 891-4698	X www.apartments.com/thelandingatjacklondon	1399 - 2522	X	X	X
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The Villas at Harbor Pointe	Pinole	(866) 202-3729	X www.apartments.com/VillasatHarborPointe	890 - 1360	X	X	X
President's Park Apartments	Pittsburg	(866) 835-2847	X www.apartments.com/presidentpark	971 - 1420	X	X	X
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The Redwoods at Mather Station	Rancho Cordova	(866) 206-3277	X www.apartments.com/redwoods	900 - 1180	X	X	X
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Park Ridge Apartments	Robnet Park	(866) 471-0926	X www.apartments.com/parkridgerobnetpark	1230 - 1600	X	X	X
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Cedar Grove Apartments	San Leandro	(866) 578-5473	X www.apartments.com/cedargrove	1225 - 1875	X	X	X
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The Seasons	San Ramon	(866) 355-6168	X www.apartments.com/the-seasons	840 - 1340</			

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2306 SAN JOSE AVENUE
Central Alameda Open Sat & Sun 2-4
NEW LISTING! Colonial Revival w/3 units! 2 bedroom, 1 bath owner's unit w/formal entry, living & dining rooms and MUCH MORE!
Chih Wu 510-748-1162



1605 BUENA VISTA AVENUE \$845,000
Central Alameda Open Sat & Sun 2-4
Luxurious 3-4 bedroom home with \$100K in upgrades: digital appliances, courtyard, second patio and MUCH MORE!! Steps to marinas & park.
Pacita Dimacali 510-748-1148



2358 CORAL SEA STREET \$1,098,000
Bayport Open Sat & Sun 2-5
PRICE DROP! 2-story home w/spacious kitchen & family room. Formal living & dining room, 2 fireplaces, landscaped yard, high ceilings & MORE!
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1106



2133 SANTA CLARA AVE. #212 \$398,000
Central Alameda Open Sunday 2-4
Very large 2-story townhome at the spa. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, new carpet, new paint, new vinyl in baths & kitchen and MORE!
Ann Bracci 510-748-1807



1533 PACIFIC AVENUE \$450,000
Central Alameda Open Sunday 2-4
Practically rebuilt with many repairs and replacements. New bath fixtures, Berber/Pergo floors, 2 sheds & more! Expansion possibilities.
Annaliza Ramirez 510-748-1195



1715 HIGH STREET \$749,500
East End Open Sunday 2-4
Price Drop! Charming 3+ bedroom, 2 bath Tudor style home. Freshly painted inside & out. Beautiful hardwood floors, formal DR & bonus room.
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108



1605 WALNUT STREET \$888,000
Central Alameda Coming Soon
Duplex 3 bedroom, 2 bath & 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly renovated, 2 car garage, separate gas & electrical. Walking distance to Park Street.
Kitty Wan 510-748-1128



2394 MARINER SQUARE B9 \$455,000
Mariner Square By Appointment Only
2 bedroom, 1.5 bath two story floating home. Beautifully located. Pristine condition. Spacious LR, deck & views of the Estuary. Upgrades!
Angela McIntyre 510-748-1121



1718 MAIN STREET #C \$385,000
Woodstock Open Sunday 2-4
3 bedroom, 1 bath townhouse w/hardwood floors & tile in kitchen w/French doors to backyard. One of the largest yards in Woodstock.
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108

405 LAGUNARIA \$678,000
Harbor Bay Open Sunday 2-4
Spectacular! Model home condition w/top of the line up-grades. Location is perfect. Walk to ferry, golf, tennis, restaurants and shopping.
Ruth Masonek 510-912-5055

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1200 SAN ANTONIO AVENUE \$2,595,000
Alameda's Gold Coast By Appointment Only

Throughout the Bay Area there is a very limited number of existing historically significant luxury properties. Alameda's Gold Coast neighborhood is well-known for its lovingly maintained estates, yet very few have sold over the last ten years. Now is your chance to discover one of these truly remarkable properties in centrally located Alameda. With nearly 8000 sq ft of interior space (including 1200 sq ft lower level), this three story magnificent Tudor Revival is a remarkable value and investment.

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Don Lindsey
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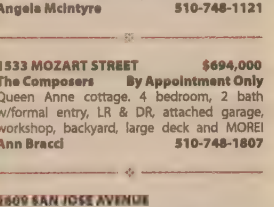
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807 HAIGHT \$799,000
Alameda By Appointment Only
2 units. Upper unit is 3 bedroom w/newer kitchen, hrdwd floors, new carpet & paint. Lower unit is 1+ bedroom. Garage, new paint & lovely yard.
Darlene Gardner 510-748-1104



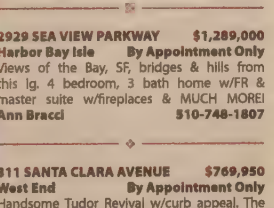
509 TIDEWAY \$1,700,000
Pointe Ballena Open Sunday 2-4
Bayside 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home w/50' deep water dock. Marble flooring, Quartz Counter, formal DR, LR, family room, library and office.
Jim Nations 510-301-4004



2422 EAGLE AVENUE \$799,000
Central Alameda By Appointment Only
Spacious Transitional Italianate family home. 5 bedroom, 2 full bath w/huge rear yard. Upgraded kitchen & bathroom. Many structural upgrades.
Angela McIntyre 510-748-1121



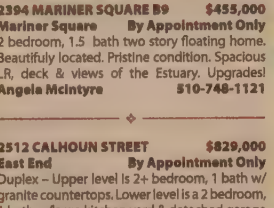
1333 MOZART STREET \$694,000
The Composers By Appointment Only
Queen Anne cottage. 4 bedroom, 2 bath w/formal entry, LR & DR, attached garage, workshop, backyard, large deck and MORE!
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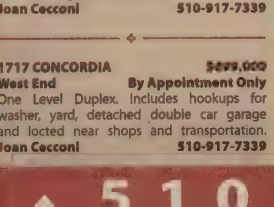
2609 SAN JOSE AVENUE Coming Soon
East End Adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bath split-level home. Nice eating area, spacious kitchen plus formal dining area. Big back yard & attached garage.
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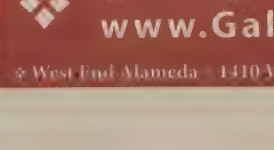
4 ECLIPSE COURT \$739,500
Marina Village By Appointment Only
Rare Clipper plan! Bright & sunny 3 bedroom, 2 bath on level with vaulted ceilings & hardwood floors. Partial view of the water. Won't last long!
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108



2929 SEA VIEW PARKWAY \$1,289,000
Harbor Bay Isle By Appointment Only
Views of the Bay, SF, bridges & hills from this lg. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home w/FR & master suite w/fireplaces & MUCH MORE!
Ann Bracci 510-748-1807



311 SANTA CLARA AVENUE \$769,950
West End By Appointment Only
Handsome Tudor Revival w/curb appeal. The main 3 bedroom, 1 bath is perfect for a family & rent 1+ bedroom cottage ideal for rental income.
Darryl & Yolanda Freeman 510-748-1165

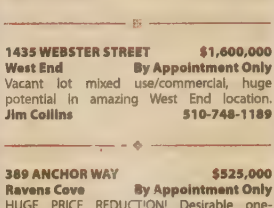


1605 WALNUT STREET \$888,000
Central Alameda Coming Soon
Duplex 3 bedroom, 2 bath & 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly renovated, 2 car garage, separate gas & electrical. Walking distance to Park Street.
Kitty Wan 510-748-1128

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3237 FAIRVIEW AVENUE \$729,000
Farnside By Appointment Only
Light & bright 2+ bedroom, 1 bath w/fresh interior paint, hrdwds, FR backyard & laundry room.
James Collins 510-748-1189



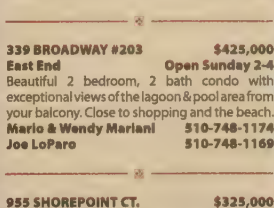
1435 WEBSTER STREET \$1,600,000
West End By Appointment Only
Vacant lot mixed use/commercial, huge potential in amazing West End location.
Jim Collins 510-748-1189



389 ANCHOR WAY \$525,000
Ravens Cove By Appointment Only
HUGE PRICE REDUCTION! Desirable one-level 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with walking paths to the water, pool & clubhouse.
Steve DiGiulio 510-748-1171



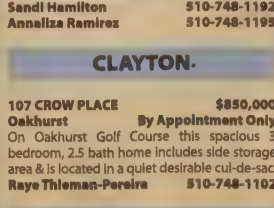
1036 LINCOLN AVENUE \$869,000
West End By Appointment Only
Beautifully renovated Victorian retaining the original charm. Updated kitchen w/cherry wood cabinets. Full Basement and attached garage.
Moon Tam 510-747-1620



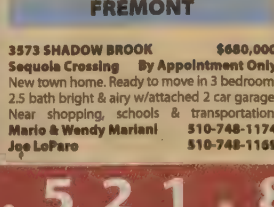
325 KITTYHAWK ROAD #317 \$439,000
South Shore By Appointment Only
Bright & airy condo - Newly remodeled kit & bath; hardwood floors, enclosed balcony - 3rd floor, 1/2 block from beach.
Joan Cecconi 510-522-9100



1214 NINTH STREET \$649,000
West End By Appointment Only
3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/interior remodeled. Featuring full basement potential.
Moon Tam 510-747-1620



339 BROADWAY #203 \$425,000
East End Open Sunday 2-4
Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with exceptional views of the lagoon & pool area from your balcony. Close to shopping and the beach.
Mario & Wendy Mariani 510-748-1174
Joe LoPano 510-748-1169



955 SHOREPOINT CT. \$325,000
Central Alameda By Appointment Only
Adorable!! Don't let this one get away! Secure parking, walk to the beach to wind surf or enjoy the pool. Trails within walking distance.
Ruth Masonek 510-912-5055

CASTRO VALLEY



2282 JOHN COURT \$699,000
Castro Valley By Appointment Only
Price Reduction! Duplex, newer roof, long driveway, large landscaped backyard with patio and plenty of parking space in rear of units.
Sandi Hamilton 510-748-1192
Annaliza Ramirez 510-748-1195



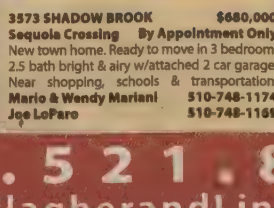
107 CROW PLACE \$850,000
Oakhurst By Appointment Only
On Oakhurst Golf Course this spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home includes side storage area & is located in a quiet desirable cul-de-sac.
Rayo Thelamon-Pereira 510-748-1102

CLAYTON



3573 SHADOW BROOK \$680,000
Sequoia Crossing By Appointment Only
New town home. Ready to move in 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath bright & airy w/attached 2 car garage. Near shopping, schools & transportation.
Mario & Wendy Mariani 510-748-1174
Joe LoPano 510-748-1169

FREMONT



1075 E 33RD STREET \$710,000
Ardley Heights Open Sunday 2-4
5+ bedroom, 2 bath home w/basement & attic. Large formal & dining rooms. Plus room, hrdwd floors, lg backyard & enclosed patio area.
Kirk Knight 510-748-1168

HAYWARD



237 EL DORADO AVENUE \$459,000
Hayward Open Sat & Sun 1-4
Great starter home on a huge lot. This cute 2+ bedroom, 1 bath bungalow is priced to sell & won't last long.
Raymond Diaz 510-748-1177



21668 WILLOW COURT \$565,000
Hayward By Appointment Only
Fantastic 3 bedroom, 1 bath home located in quiet neighborhood. Beautiful living room w/fireplace, backyard, fruit trees and a workshop.
Ignacio Arechiga 510-352-3606



25716 SPRING DRIVE \$409,000
Hayward By Appointment Only
Dramatically renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath top floor condominium near CSU Eastbay. Tons of luxurious living space at an affordable price.
David Park 510-710-4345



31850 CHICOINE AVE \$699,000
Hayward By Appointment Only
Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath cosmetic fixer on large lot in great Foothill location near regional park. Lots of potential for the right buyer.
David Park 510-748-1198

MANTECA

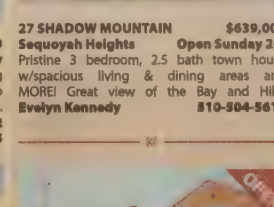


1984 VALENZUELA COURT \$599,000
Manteca By Appointment Only
Built in 2003, this gorgeous 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home w/2 master suites & a very large media room. \$68K in upgrades.
Carol Martinez 510-748-1122

OAKLAND



2159 51ST AVENUE \$599,000
Lower Maxwell By Appointment Only
Great fixer duplex located in Park. Great investment.
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath & 2 bath
Jose Corda-Zeln 510-433-1171
Meredith DiVita



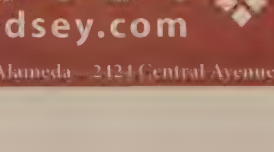
1490 56TH AVENUE \$599,000
Oakland By Appointment Only
Updated 3 bedroom, 1 bath home w/repairs, new windows, new patio.
Ignacio Arechiga



340 29TH AVENUE \$599,000
Fruitvale By Appointment Only
Pier 29 restaurant, on water, condo conversion, mixed use, 11 units.
Jim Collins

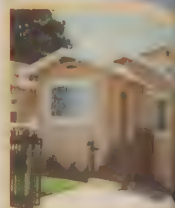


11 EMBARCADERO \$1,400,000
Oakland By Appointment Only
These unique office spaces at 11th floor w/stunning estuary view.
Al Wagner



1000 18TH STREET \$599,000
Oakland By Appointment Only
Mixed used building. Commercial & 16 residential units. Separated.
Moon Tam

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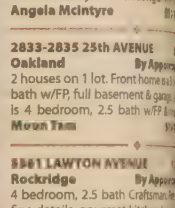
1459 56TH AVENUE \$599,000
Oakland Open Sat & Sun 2-4
Lots of potential in this ready to move in 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with plenty of possible unit upstairs. Don't miss!
Rolando Basora



311 4TH STREET #123 \$599,000
Jack London Sq. Open Sat & Sun 2-4
LOFT: Remodeled 2-story loft w/1 bedroom + 1 den or second bath. Secure parking.
Angela McIntyre



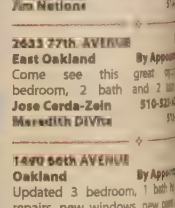
3718 COLUMBIAN DRIVE \$599,000
King Estates Open Sat & Sun 2-4
Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath w/charming doorways, spacious & lg access to rear yard deck. Long drive.
Angela McIntyre



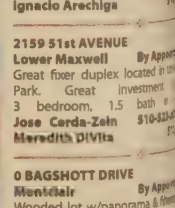
2833-2835 25TH AVENUE \$599,000
Oakland By Appointment Only
2 houses on 1 lot. Front home w/1 bath w/FP, full basement & garage. Back is 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/FP & more.
Moon Tam



5561 LAWTON AVENUE \$599,000
Rockridge By Appointment Only
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Craftsman w/fine details, gourmet kitchen, formal rooms, Wainscoting & more.
Bill & Griselda Bissett



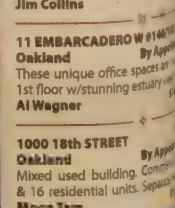
1637 12TH AVENUE \$599,000
Oakland By Appointment Only
4 bedroom, 2 bath home w/cabinets & granite counter.
Ignacio Arechiga



2438 FOOTHILL BLVD \$599,000
Fruitvale By Appointment Only
Handyman special 7 bedroom, 3 bath for extended family w/3 separate units.
Jim Nations



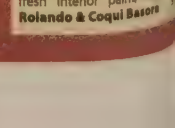
2633 77TH AVENUE \$599,000
East Oakland By Appointment Only
Come see this great opportunity. 3 bedroom, 2 bath & 2 bath.
Jose Corda-Zeln 510-433-1171
Meredith DiVita



0 BAGSHOT DRIVE \$599,000
Mendocino By Appointment Only
Wooded lot w/panorama & views. Lights view. Astoria's throwback.
Jim Nations



5459 RUTH AVENUE \$599,000
Oakland By Appointment Only
Spectacular 2 bedroom, 1 bath w/play room. Updated bathroom.
Ignacio Arechiga



340 29TH AVENUE \$599,000
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SPORTS

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Section C



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ALBANY COACH Scott Shevelson talks with his players during practice Tuesday. "I would love to see more intensity, better tackling, just being tough," he says.

Albany has new coach and offense

Shevelson hopes to turn program around

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

Albany High School quarterback Ari Colby rolled to his right and fired a short incomplete pass in a practice Tuesday at Cougar Field.

New Cougars head coach Scott Shevelson smiled and said, "That's just a long handoff."

It appears that the Cougars will be putting the ball in the air more this season. Last year, Albany's offense ran for 1,453 yards and passed for just 287 yards. Shevelson is installing a new offense, an inside-outside zone scheme with multiple formations.

"I feel like we will have a more wide-open offense. I certainly want to run the football to set up the pass," said Shevelson, who was the junior varsity head coach at Bishop O'Dowd from 2002-2004 and did not coach last season. "We have a quarterback with a strong arm. I think the trick is the boys up front. I don't have any returning lineman."

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Shevelson replaces Dan Shaughnessy, who resigned in November after two years at the helm of the Cougars. Shevelson is trying to turn around an Albany varsity football program that has had only one winning record in the last 20 seasons (5-4 in 1994), and had a 1-8-1 overall record last season.

"For this year, the goal is to change the attitude and culture of the program. I'm trying to get guys out, showing up more for spring ball and showing up for offseason and summer workouts. We had a really good turnout this year. I was consistently getting

almost a full team," Shevelson said. "I would love to see more intensity, better tackling, just being tough. I certainly have kids who can play, it's just bringing up the intensity of the whole group. We're really small, I've got 24 names on my roster."

The Cougars have only four returning seniors and a handful of returning varsity players.

"We have a few players who haven't played football before, so it's a learning process," said Colby, one of the senior returners. "It's a learning process for me too as captain."

But many of the players had success at the junior varsity level. Anthony Freeman, who was the head junior varsity coach last year, is the varsity defensive coordinator this year. He is the only returning Albany football coach from last season. John Cullom, the line coach, has also been an assistant coach at Bishop O'Dowd, Piedmont and Campolindo in the past.

Besides his three years as junior varsity head coach for Bishop O'Dowd, Shevelson was also the Dragons' freshman head coach for three years and was a junior varsity assistant coach at Foothill, the school from which he graduated in 1988. He is an assistant athletic director at Albany and also teaches physical education at the school.

"My football philosophy is to help young boys become men through sports, teaching them things like teamwork, responsibility, accountability, strategy, sportsmanship and respect," Shevelson said.



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SHEVELSON works with quarterback Ari Colby on Albany's offense, which will feature more passing than in 2005.

Powe gives back with a camp for children

Cal star's free basketball camp draws more than 100 players

By Ben Enos
STAFF WRITER

Now, most people have the story of former Cal basketball player Leon Powe, who traded him to the streets of Oakland to a Perillion, Powe weathered a series of serious knee injuries throughout high school and college, garnering national accolades and second-team All-American

hard work led to Powe's name in the second round of the NBA draft by the Denver Nuggets, who traded him to the Boston Celtics, and a professional contract for a young man who never had much but who always made the most of what he had.

As a successful young man, Powe set to begin his professional career. Powe had several offers with that first paycheck. Powe could have spent it all on a house, or maybe he could have saved it for the future. Powe chose the option, it would have been easy for Powe to just buy something for himself. Instead, Powe decided to host his inaugural Team Powe Basketball Camp last Saturday at the University of California, Berkeley. The all-day camp was for children ages 7

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through 18 and attracted well over 100 participants.

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Together with his mentor, Bernard Ward, and Bishop O'Dowd assistant coach Lou Richie, Powe taught kids not only about the basics of basketball but also tried to teach life lessons that both he and Ward agree may help some children escape the inner-city.

"He just wanted to put together a free camp to give back and tell them about life a little bit," Ward said.



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LEON POWE gets ready to demonstrate a technique at his basketball camp.

And in his spare time ...

■ El Cerrito's Sackey coaches three soccer teams in three tournaments on one weekend to two titles and a third

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito resident Robert Sackey coaches three soccer teams. During the weekend of Aug. 18-20, he needed to be three coaches.

As it was, Sackey did all right by himself. . . well, OK, with plenty of help from the players and assistants of all three teams, whose combined efforts led to two titles and a third-place finish.

One of the titles went to the San Francisco Nighthawks of the Women's Premier Soccer League, winners of the Golden Gate Women's Tournament in San Francisco. Third place went to Sackey's Alameda Contra Costa Mavericks under-12 girls, who competed in the Castro Valley Classic.

Last but not least, the ACC Mavericks under-19 boys premier

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OW PLAYING

"BULLY": Despite star wattage (Meryl Streep), "Ant" (James Van Der Beek) is just another dolittle, colorful animated film. ("Over the Hedge" Monster House). But the message about teamwork. — C. (PG: mild rude humor, action.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C

"ACCEPTED": If you're into snap (James Van Der Beek), you can write off "Accepted" as just another dolittle, colorful animated film. ("Over the Hedge" Monster House). But the message about teamwork. — C. (PG: mild rude humor, action.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C

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"THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA": A plucky new assistant (Anne Hathaway) with unfortunate fashion sense gets dressed down royally by her wicked new boss (Meryl Streep). This charming bit of froth works primarily because of Streep. There's not a seam showing in her flawless performance. — R. Myers. (PG: some sensuality.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B

"FACTOTUM": Matt Dillon plays Charles Bukowski alter-ego Hank Chinaski, an unpublished writer who spends his days drifting from one blue-collar job to another, and most of his nights in a drunken, smoky haze. His female companions include Marisa Tomei as a complete lush and Lil Taylor as Jan, who truly cares about Hank, almost as much as she does about her next bottle of whiskey. If the plot is slight, Dillon's marvelous, subtle performance is anything but, and reason enough to see director Bent Hamer's film. — M. Pols. (R: language, nudity and sexual content.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B+

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"THE GROOMSMEN": Director Edward Burns makes making the same film over and over again. "The Groomsman" is one of the better variations. This time, Burns plays the yuppie of his group of boyhood friends on City Island in the Bronx. He's getting married but is unsure if he's tying the knot because he loves his long-time girlfriend or because she's pregnant. The rest of the gang are in denial or arrested development. — T. Burr. (R: strong and crude sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 38 minutes.

"BEACH CLUB": Frisky young residents of a Florida "adult" community are determined to find love. Sally Kellerman, Richard Gere, and John Cusack, manically and giggling her curves, are deflected from the Golden Girls. "Boys on the Beach" is a rose-colored fantasy of how you can relax and enjoy the beach comedy performances by an ensemble that includes Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Michael Nouri and Renee Zellweger. (Not Rated: sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. B+

"CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER PEOPLE": A beautifully acted and subtle movie in the spirit of "Beats" (1990). An unnamed man (Ethan Phillips) and woman (Helena Bonham Carter) meet at a wedding reception. They turn out to have been married in dual frame, and that's how

we see it. Instead of being distracting, this gives us an opportunity to feel what both characters are feeling, simultaneously, as they make tough choices. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexual content.) 1 hour, 24 minutes. A-

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"HALF NELSON": Ryan Gosling is a teacher in a run down Brooklyn middle school. He knows how to inspire his students, but his own life is a disaster; he sneaks into a school bathroom to smoke crack. When one of his students (Shareeka Epps, watchful, wary and very good) catches him, a strange but real friendship springs up between them. In the end, we're not sure who is nurturing whom. Gosling gives such a naturalistic performance you find yourself still worrying about his character after the movie ends. — M. Pols. (R: drug content throughout, language and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. A-

"HOUSE OF SAND": A pregnant young woman and her mother are stranded in the desert. Brazilian director Andrucha Waddington's exquisitely beautiful film unfolds over three generations, spanning nearly a century during which the world is completely transformed, though the women never know it. Screenwriter Elena Soarez weaves a lyrical narrative about isolation and time that recalls great space operas such as "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "The Little Prince." — C. Chocano. (R: graphic sexuality.) In Portuguese with English subtitles. 2 hours, 6 minutes. A

"HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS": This could be the ultimate 11-year-old boy's movie, a little cruel, a little gross and a lot funny. The film is based on Thomas Rockwell's book about a boy who is dared to eat worms — and does. — R. Moore. (PG: mild bullying and some crude humor.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B-

"IDLEWILD": From the superstars behind the hip-hop group OutKast, a musical set in the 1930s in a Georgian speakeasy. Like "Moulin Rouge," it doesn't bother to stick to the music of the story's time frame, so we get rap and crooning mixed in together. That makes for a playful and vibrant film, and even when "Idlewild" stumbles, as it does fairly frequently, this is still an enjoyable spectacle. Andre Benjamin shines as a shy piano player, and the supporting cast includes such notable performers as Ben Vereen, Cicely Tyson, Macy Gray and Terrence Howard. — M. Pols. (R: violence, sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B-

"AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH": Al Gore's PowerPoint presentation on global warming sounds like it might be a snoozer, but it's actually a frightening wake-up call. Too bad the documentary focuses only on Gore, rarely opening the issue up for others to voice their support. — R. Myers. (PG:

mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B

"INVINCIBLE": This feel-good film recounts the saga of Vince Papale (Mark Wahlberg), a laid-off teacher who tries out for the Philadelphia Eagles and ends up making the team. Football junkies looking for a lot of game action won't find it here. The film is more interested in exploring the emotional issues of the players. The movie ultimately fulfills its mission: to fire up viewers with its can-do attitude. — J. Strickler. (PG: football-related action and a sprinkling of profanity.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B

"THE ILLUSIONIST": Edward Norton plays a master magician in turn-of-the-century Vienna, and he's so good you almost believe he can make an orange tree grow from a seed in less than a minute. Jessica Biel is the noblewoman he loves, Rufus Sewell his arch nemesis, and Paul Giamatti a detective but, more important, the only other actor on screen who can hold his own against Norton the Magificent. Together, they elevate the material, which is good but not great. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B

"LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE": An alienated father — deluded and egotistical father, frustrated mother, suicidal uncle, anarchist son and drug abusing grandfather — come together during a two-day road trip to a beauty pageant for little girls. A top-notch ensemble cast is led by Greg Kinnear and Steve Carell. — M. Pols. (R: some language, sex and drug content.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. A-

"MATERIAL GIRLS": Martha Coolidge's "Material Girls" is a superficial "teen comedy that mocks celebrities such as the Olsen Twins while simultaneously pushing stars Hilary and Haylie Duff as their replacements. The Duff sisters play wealthy, spoiled siblings who have to clear the family name when their father's cosmetics company fails under a cloud of suspicion. Coolidge made a better movie on similar subject matter with her 1983 film "Valley Girl." — E. Weitzman. (PG: language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. D

"MIAMI VICE": Michael Mann is the ultimate salesman of cool. The director brings iconic '80s TV detectives Sonny Crockett and Ricardo Tubbs to the big screen. The plotting is cliché and familiar, and the pacing schizophrenic, but Mann is such a masterful painter of the dark underworld that he almost convinces us that there is something profoundly significant about these vice detectives. — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, language, some sexual content.) 2 hours. B-

"MONSTER HOUSE": This animated

OPENING TODAY

"CRANK": (R) Jason Statham plays a hit man who discovers he's been poisoned and when his heart rate drops below a certain point, he'll die. He sets out to avenge his own death before it happens.

"CROSSOVER": (PG-13) An urban drama set in the world of competitive streetball. Anthony Mackie and Wesley Jonathan star as two hopefuls trying to unseat the reigning champions.

"HEADING SOUTH": (R) A group of single, middle-aged women travel to Haiti on vacation, taking young local men as lovers. With Charlotte Rampling and Menothé Charles as Legba, the favored companion of many of the women. From "Time Out" director Laurent Cantet.

"THE QUIET": (R) An orphaned deaf girl (Camilla Belle) moves in with a suburban family and begins discovering their secrets. Elisha

Cuthbert plays the popular teenager who isn't happy to have a new sister.

"STOLEN": (NR) Documentary about the infamous 1990 heist of 13 paintings, including a Vermeer, at Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Art Museum. It was the largest in modern history and none of the paintings have been recovered.

"THE WICKER MAN": (PG-13) Nicolas Cage plays a cop who travels to an isolated island on a quest to find a missing child. He finds the locals far from helpful. Neil LaBute directed this remake of the 1973 horror classic.

Coming soon

"HOLLYWOODLAND": A detective (Adrian Brody) investigates the mysterious death of "Superman" TV actor George Reeves (Ben Affleck). (Sept. 8).

feature — about a dilapidated neighborhood house that supposedly eats people — manages the right balance of kiddie, sophomoric and grown-up humor. Voiced by Maggie Gyllenhaal and Jason Lee. — P. Wuntch. (PG: intense moments, mild sexual references.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT": Joan Plowright is a widow who moves to London in search of culture and the company of her only grandson. But the elegant hotel she anticipated turns out to be a shabby pensioners home, and the grandson a no-show. Then she falls into an unlikely friendship with an aspiring writer a quarter her age. — C. Chocano. (Not Rated.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. C

"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST": Dazzling digital effects upstage nearly everyone except the wonderful Johnny Depp in this too-long yet irresistible spectacle. The tangled plot cranks out a few clever surprises and leaves us with an "Empire Strikes Back" cliffhanger of an ending. — R. Myers. (PG-13: intense sequences of adventure violence, including frightening images.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. B

"PULSE": This is the remake of a 2001 Japanese film that was derivative and pokey, even before Hollywood got its hands on it. Wes Craven was brought in to adapt the script, and he tries but fails to jolt some life into this tale of college kids who have the life sucked out of them after stumbling into a computer program. — R. Moore. (PG-13: intense sequences of sci-fi terror, disturbing images, language, sensuality and thematic material.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. D

"QUINCEANERA": This portrait of a Mexican-American family in Los Angeles is as smart and warm-hearted an exploration of upwardly mobile immigrant culture as American independent cinema has produced. A family is rocked when 14-year-old Magdalena (Emily Rios), who dreams of an extravagant quinceanera, gets pregnant and her father throws her out of the house. — S. Holden. (R: sexual situations, some strong language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B+

"A SCANNER DARKLY": Director Richard Linklater transforms Philip K. Dick's 1955 novel into a sad and darkly humorous film that marries live photography with animation, much like the filmmaker's "Waking Life." Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey Jr., Winona Ryder and Rory Cochrane (who is exceptional star) — R. Myers. (R: drug and sexual content, language and a brief violent image.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B-

"SCOOP": Woody Allen enjoyed working with Scarlett Johansson ("Match Point") so much, he wrote a new movie for her. Like "Match Point," this film is set in London and revolves around murder, but that's where the similarities end. "Scoop" is as light as a feather and playful in that classic early Allen style. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. A-

"SNAKES ON A PLANE": You expect sensation and nothing but. And the cheesier the story the better. That's what bloggers who turned the movie's title into a cult phenomenon demanded; and that's more vicious, sex and 12-letter epithetic expressions of dismay. What they get is "The Jerry Springer Show" in the sky with snakes. Within the confines of its tiny metal universe, the story (snakes are released on a plane that is carrying a surfer who witnessed a mob murder) makes just enough sense to satisfy anyone for whom that sort of thing matters. Most "Snakes" aficionados will only care about the adrenaline rush and that, the film delivers. — B. Cairne. (R: language, a scene of sexuality and drug use, and intense sequences of terror and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C

"STEP UP": A Baltimore bad boy

(Channing Tatum) meets a pretty ballerina (Jenna Dewan) who teaches him how to jete and how to dream big. Choreographer and dancer Anne Fletcher turns director for this dance movie, which breaks no new ground and frequently pulls up full buckets from the endless well of the genre's clichés. Nonetheless, the stars are appealing and those of us who still can't turn off "Dirty Dancing" when it shows up on cable will find some easy pleasures here. — M. Pols. (PG-13: thematic elements, brief violence and innuendo.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C+

"SUPERMAN RETURNS": It's big, brawny and, best of all, introspective. Welcome to the new "Superman," directed with reverence and refreshing insight by Bryan Singer (the first two "X-Men" movies). Newcomer Brandon Routh wears the cape well, but everyone in the cast is dynamite. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some intense action violence.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. A-

"TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY": Like NASCAR racing, "Ricky Bobby" has its thrilling moments. But mostly it feels repetitive — the film never really goes anywhere. Will Ferrell returns with his "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" director for this take on a race car driver whose success is threatened by a rival driver who bursts into the scene. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: crude and sexual humor, language, drug references and brief comic violence.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C+

"TRUST THE MAN": Writer/director Bart Freundlich takes us on a tour of attractive Manhattan locations with two equally appealing couples, both facing trouble in their relationships. Julianne Moore is an actress, David Duchovny is her bored stay-at-home husband. Billy Crudup is a sports writer suffering from a serious case of Peter Pan-itis, Maggie Gyllenhaal is the nice girlfriend desperate to have a baby. Smart and touching, but too ambitious for the time frame. Have made a good must-see HBO series. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexual content.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B-

"WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR?": Chris Paine's trenchant documentary focuses on General Motors' EV1. Launched in 1996, the electric car was so efficient, dealers kept a waiting list with tens of thousands of names. But then GM recalled all the EV1s. Paine's movie manages to entertain and infuriate as he investigates the reasons why a U.S. automaker would invest in a product only to sabotage it at every turn. — G. Whipp. (PG: brief mild language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B+

"WORDPLAY": The crossword geniuses in this well-crafted documentary include such celebrity solvers as Jon Stewart and Bill Clinton, as well as the less-famous participants in the annual crossword championship. Watching people work puzzles doesn't sound like fun, but it is, particularly in the beat-the-clock solve-off that whittles three finalists down to a champ. — C. Hewitt. (PG: profanity, mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B+

DAY MOVIE LISTINGS

times for Friday September 1

Bay County
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
●Miami Vice (R) 6:45.
●Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) 8:15.
●A Scanner Darkly (R) 9:45.

Bay Street 16
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-464-5980
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●Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7:10, 10:25.
●The Quiet (R) 11:50, 2:30, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40.
●Step Up (PG-13) 4:50, 7:25, 10, 9:30.
●Trust the Man (R) 9:35.

Central Contra Costa
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
●The Anti Bully (PG) 12, 1:45, 6.
●The Illusionist (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
●Little Miss Sunshine (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20.
●Scoop (PG-13) 4, 7:45, 9:45.

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350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
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San Francisco
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
●Beerfest (R) 11:20, 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:55.
●Crank (R) 11:05, 12:45, 1:15, 2:50, 3:25, 5:10, 5:50, 7:20, 9:10, 9:45, 10:30.
●Crossover (PG-13) 10:55, 1:20, 3:45, 5:55, 8:30, 10:45.
●The Descent (R) 7:25, 10, 10:15.
●How to Eat Fried Worms (PG) 11:10, 1:10, 3:20, 5:20.
●Idlewild (R) 12, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:30.
●Invincible (PG) 11:15, 11:15, 1:50, 1:50, 4:45, 4:45, 7:10, 7:10, 9:35, 9:35.
●Little Miss Sunshine (R) 11:25, 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05.
●Miami Vice (R) 12:30, 3:35, 7, 10:10.
●Snakes on a Plane (R) 11:30, 2, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50.
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●Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) 12:15, 3:10, 5:45, 8:25, 10:55.
●The Wicker Man (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20.
●World Trade Center (PG-13) 11, 2:05, 5, 8, 11.

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
●Beerfest (R) 11:20, 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:55.
●Crank (R) 11:05, 12:45, 1:15, 2:50, 3:25, 5:10, 5:50, 7:20, 9:10, 9:45, 10:30.
●Crossover (PG-13) 10:55, 1:20, 3:45, 5:55, 8:30, 10:45.
●The Descent (R) 7:25, 10, 10:15.
●How to Eat Fried Worms (PG) 11:10, 1:10, 3:20, 5:20.
●Idlewild (R) 12, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:30.
●Invincible (PG) 11:15, 11:15, 1:50, 1:50, 4:45, 4:45, 7:10, 7:10, 9:35, 9:35.
●Little Miss Sunshine (R) 11:25, 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05.
●Miami Vice (R) 12:30, 3:35, 7, 10:10.
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Kabuki Cinema
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262
●Beerfest (R) 4:45, 7:35.
●Crank (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:05, 9:35.
●The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) 11:10, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40.
●The Illusionist (PG-13) 11, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45.
●Invincible (PG) 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50.
●Scoop (PG-13) 11:15, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:35.
●Snakes on a Plane (R) 11:55, 2:25, 10:10.
●Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05.
●The Wicker Man (PG-13) 11:35, 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 9:55.

Bridge Theatre
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-267-4836
●Trust the Man (R) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30.

Castro Theatre
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
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Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4836
●Heading South (Not Rated) 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:30.

Embarcadero Center Cinemas
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4893
●An Inconvenient Truth (PG) 1:15, 4, 7, 9:20.
●Factotum (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50.
●Half Nelson (R) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10, 9:40.
●The Quiet (R) 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40.
●Quinceanera (R) 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30.

Lumiere Theatre
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
●The House of Sand (R) 4:30, 7, 9:35.
●The Scanner Darkly (R) 4:45, 7:15, 9:25.
●Two Drifters (Not Rated) 5, 7:30, 9:45.

Opera Plaza Cinema
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893
●Boynton Beach Club (Not Rated) 1:30, 4, 6:45, 9:15.
●Conversations With Other Women (R) 4:30, 9:50.
●The Groomsman (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
●Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont (Not Rated) 2, 7:15.
●Who Killed the Electric Car? (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:45.

Red Vic Movie House
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-688-3994
●The Great Yokai War (PG-13) 7, 9:30.

Events

CLASSICAL MUSIC

■ **First Congregational Church of Berkeley** — "Womansong Circle with Betsy Rose," Sept. 8, 9:30 p.m. Sing songs from many traditions, including contemporary songs, chants, rounds and improvisation, at this drop-in gathering for women. \$15-\$20. 510-525-7082. Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, Sept. 8 and Sept. 10. Nicholas McGegan conducting. Featured artists: William Berger, baritone; Christine Brandes, soprano. The program titled "A Genuie and the Sun God" will include works of Handel and Rameau. Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$67. 415-252-1288. www.philharmonia.org. 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

■ **Hertz Hall At The University of California, Berkeley** — "The 54th Annual Noon Concert Series," Sept. 6 through Oct. 29, 12:15-1 p.m. September 6: "Faculty Recital." Violin instructor Graeme Jennings will be accompanied by violin soloists April Paik, Christy Kyong and Jessica Ling, and the UC Berkeley Chamber Music Class in a performance of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons." Free. UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley.

■ **Jewish Community Center Of The East Bay** — Ayelet Cohen, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. Cohen performs an evening of opera and classical music. \$14-\$18. 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. 510-848-0327. www.bjcc.org.

DANCE

■ **Ashkenaz** — Gerard Landry and the Lariats, Sept. 6, 8:30 p.m. 8 p.m.: Cajun dance lesson. \$9. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054. www.ashkenaz.com.

■ **Shattuck Down Low** — "Live Salsa," Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$5-\$10. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1159. www.shattuckdownlow.com.

■ **Starry Plough Pub** — "Ceili and Dance," Ongoing. Traditional Irish music and dance. The evening begins with dance lesson at 7 p.m. followed by music at 9 p.m. Mondays, 7 p.m. Free. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082. www.starry-ploughpub.com.

POPULAR MUSIC

■ **924 Gilman St.** — All ages welcome. Eskapo, Acts of Sedition, Deconditioned, Hightower, Giant Haystacks, Sept. 1. Hellshock, Storm Crow, Wartorn, Holokaust, Sahn Maru, Sept. 2. \$6. Sour Mash Hug Band, The Bad Things, Dandelion Junk Queens, A Bird in the Wall, Sept. 3. \$6. Monster Squad, Whiskey Rebels, The Challenged, Skull Storm, Violation, Sept. 9. Pressure Point, Red Tape, Giving Chase, Thru It All, Los Dry Heavers, Sept. 10, 5 p.m. \$6. \$5 unless otherwise noted. Shows start Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926. www.924gilman.org.

■ **Albatross Pub** — Whiskey Brothers, Ongoing. Old-time and bluegrass. First and third Wednesdays of every month. Free. Sam Bevan Jazz Trio, Sept. 2. \$3. Shows begin Wednesday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2473. www.albatrosspub.com.

■ **Ashkenaz** — Junior Reid, Everton Blender, The Reggae Angels, Sept. 1, 9:30 p.m. \$17-\$20. Ray Abshire, Sept. 2, 9 p.m. 8 p.m.: Cajun dance lesson. \$13-\$15. Gerard Landry and the Lariats, Sept. 6, 8:30 p.m. 8 p.m.: Cajun dance lesson. \$9. Blue Roots, Sept.

7, 9 p.m. \$10. Ras Igel, Razorblade, Binghi Drummers, Sept. 9, 9:30 p.m. \$11-\$13. Kalbaskreyol, Sept. 10, 7 p.m. \$10. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054. www.ashkenaz.com.

■ **Beckett's Irish Pub** — 2Me, Sept. 1. "Rock and Roll with Nicole," Sept. 2. Free. Shows at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790. www.beckett'sirishpub.com.

■ **Berkeley Community Theatre** — A Tribe Called Quest, Sept. 9, 8 p.m. \$30. Matisyahu, Gomez, Street Drum Corps, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. \$39.50. 1930 Allston Way, Berkeley.

■ **Downtown Restaurant** — Jon Steiner, Sept. 1. Macy Blackman Quartet, Sept. 2. Dave Rocha Trio, Sept. 3. Free unless otherwise noted. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810. www.downtownrestaurant.com.

■ **Freight And Salvage** — Chirgitchin, Sept. 6. \$19.50-\$20.50. David Berkeley, Sept. 7. \$17.50-\$18.50. "Bill Monroe Tribute," Sept. 8. Featuring Butch Walker, Bob Waller, Keith Little, Ed Neff, Larry Cohea, Kathy Kallick Steve Potter and others. \$17.50-\$18.50. The Paul Brody Ensemble, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. \$12-\$15. Trout Fishing in America, Sept. 9. \$17.50-\$18.50. Jim Hudak, Sept. 9. \$17.50-\$18.50. Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761. www.freightandsalvage.org.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — Los Rakas, Jennifer Johns, Youth Movement Records, Sept. 1, 9 p.m. \$7-\$12. "Bay Area Competition," Sept. 2, 8 p.m.-midnight. The event showcases local hip hop and rhythm and blues musicians. Ages 18 and older. \$10-\$12. Domingo de Rumba, Sept. 3, 3:30-6 p.m. Free. Sean Smith, Matt Baldwin, Adam Snider, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m. \$8. Duamuxa and Ricardo Cuevas, Sept. 7, 8 p.m. \$10. George Lamman and His Ensemble, Sept. 9, 8 p.m. \$13-\$15. "Amigo Rafael," Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. The benefit concert is being held for Rafael Manriquez and will feature Quijerman as well as Manriquez himself. \$12-\$15. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568. www.lapena.org.

■ **Oakland Arena** — Tool, Sept. 3, 8 p.m. \$31.50-\$60.75. "Gigantour," Sept. 8, 4 p.m. Featuring Lamb of God, Opeth, Megadeth, Into Eternity, The Smashing Arch Enemy, Overkill and Sanctuary. \$45. Hegenberger Road and Interstate 880, Oakland. 510-762-2277. 925-762-2277. 415-478-2277. www.theoaklandarena.com.

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■ **Starry Plough Pub** — The Starry Irish Music Session led by Shay Black, Ongoing. Sundays, 8 p.m. Sliding scale. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082. www.starry-ploughpub.com.

■ **Yoshi's** — "Elvin Jones Birthday Salute," through Sept. 3. Featuring DeWayne Marsalis, Dave Liebman, Nicholas Payton, Anthony Wonsey and Jason Marsalis. \$5-\$24. El Balajo, Sept. 4. Featuring Wayne Wallace and Michael Zilber. Oscar Peterson, Sept. 5 through Sept. 10, 8 p.m. One show per night. \$85-\$100. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200. www.yoshis.com.

STAGE

■ **Altarena Playhouse** — "The Forger," by Larry Shue, Sept. 8 through Oct. 1. Set at a rural Georgia fishing lodge, Charlie pretends not to understand English in order to avoid interacting with the other guests. His plan goes awry as secrets are discovered and revealed. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$12-\$15. 1409

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High St., Alameda. 510-523-1553, www.altarena.org.

■ **Aurora Theatre Company** — "Salome," by Oscar Wilde, through Oct. 1. Wilde's take on the notorious biblical temptress and her unreciprocated love for the prophet Jokanaan. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. \$38-\$50. Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822. www.auroratheatre.org.

■ **Berkeley City Club** — "Walking the Dead," through Oct. 29. Theatre Q presents Keith Curran's work about the tragic death of a transgendered person. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$18-\$20. 510-326-8197. www.theatreq.org. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

■ **E.G.Y.P.T. Theatre Arts Center** — "Smookey Joe's Caf," Sept. 1 through Sept. 10. The hit Broadway revue features the music of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller who wrote songs including "On Broadway," "Stand by Me" and "Yakety Yak." Recommended for ages 12 and older. Presented by Omega Theatre Arts in association with E.G.Y.P.T. Theatre Works Center. Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 5 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. \$20. 5300 Foothill Blvd., Oakland.

■ **Kofman Auditorium** — "Aida," by Elton John and Tim Rice, Sept. 9 through Sept. 24. The Disney musical tells the love story of two African princesses who have fallen for the same soldier. Presented by Alameda Civic Light Opera. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$27-\$31. 510-864-2256. www.aclo.com. 2200 Central Ave., Alameda.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — Ines Villafane-Leon, Julia Ahumada Grob, Sept. 8, 8 p.m. The evening features a live reading by Villafane-Leon and a solo performance of Grob's "He(R)volution," which focuses on activism, womanhood, spirituality and fate. \$10. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568. www.lapena.org.

■ **Laney College Theater** — "Color Struck," Sept. 7 through Sept. 10, 8 p.m. Donald E. Lacy's one-man show blends acting, music, stand-up and spoken word to offer a new look at the age old problem of racism. "Benelli Gaia." The gala follows Thursday night's performance and will feature a reception, discussion and refreshments. Proceeds benefit the LoveLife Foundation. \$50. \$5-\$15. 510-663-5663. 900 Fallon St., Oakland.

■ **Masque's Playhouse** — "Diary of a Scoundrel," by Alexander Ostrovsky, through Sept. 30. The play tells the story of one man who attempts to sneak into upper-class society by lying, flattery and catering to the vanities of the wealthy. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. \$15. 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. 510-232-4031. www.masques.org.



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ing Events — Alameda County — "Lake Chabot Bike Rides." These rides are for strong beginners and intermediates to build skill, strength and endurance at a non hammerhead pace. No one will be dropped. Reservations required. Distance: 14 miles. Elevation gain: 1,000 feet. Difficulty: beginner to intermediate. Pace: moderate. Meeting place: Lake Chabot Road at the main entrance to the park. Thursday, 6:15 a.m. 510-468-3582. Alameda-Contra Costa County — "Tilden and Wildcat Bike Rides." A vigorous ride through Tilden and Wildcat Canyon regional parks. Reservations required. Distance: 15 miles. Elevation gain: 2,000 feet. Difficulty: intermediate. Pace: fast. Meeting place: in front of the North Berkeley BART Station. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 510-849-9650. "East Bay Benefit Ride," through Sept. 4, 8 a.m. Ride up to 100 miles, or 14 to 18 miles each day, as you travel alongside the Ridge Trail for three days and spend the last two days heading toward Mount Diablo. All meals are provided for bikers and campers. Evening entertainment will include a trip to Chabot Space Observatory, campfires and music. \$55 per day; \$250 five days. 925-254-8942. www.tbwa.org. Free. 415-561-2595. www.ridgetrail.org.

■ **Bicycle Trails Council Of The East Bay** — Ongoing. The Council sponsors trail work days, Youth Bike Adventure Rides, and Group Rides as well as Mountain Bike Basics classes which cover training and handling skills. Ongoing Events — "Weekly Wednesday Ride at Lake Chabot," ongoing. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. A

13- to 20-mile ride around Lake Chabot, with 2,000 feet of climbing. 10 a.m. in the parking lot at the public safety office at Chabot in Castro Valley. Requested. 510-727-0511. Ongoing. Wednesday "Outer East Bay" ride. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 510-849-9650. "East Bay Benefit Ride," through Sept. 4, 8 a.m. Ride up to 100 miles, or 14 to 18 miles each day, as you travel alongside the Ridge Trail for three days and spend the last two days heading toward Mount Diablo. All meals are provided for bikers and campers. Evening entertainment will include a trip to Chabot Space Observatory, campfires and music. \$55 per day; \$250 five days. 925-254-8942. www.tbwa.org. Free. 415-561-2595. www.ridgetrail.org.

■ **Crab Cove Visitor Center** — Ongoing. At Crab Cove, underwater creatures and San Francisco Bay from Alameda a part. The giant crease understanding of San Bay and the ocean near Crab Cove's Indoor Aquarium. Lab is one of the largest aquariums in the East Bay. Events — "Lareusey Lareusey" Sept. 2 and Sept. 4, 10 a.m. 11 a.m.-noon. "Solar Overlaid." 2-3 p.m. "Cathol of p.m.": "Nature Movie Club"

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Dunsmuir House And Gardens Historic Estate — Ongoing. \$4-\$5. Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 50-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion. Estate Grounds — Ongoing. Self-Guided Grounds Tours are available year around. The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public for walking Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booklets and maps of the grounds are available at the Dinkelspiel House. Free. Dunsmuir House and Gardens, 2860 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. 510-615-5555, www.dunsmuir.org.

Greenbelt Alliance Outings — A series of hikes, bike rides and events sponsored by Greenbelt Alliance, the Bay Area's non-profit land conservation and urban planning organization. Call for meeting places. Reservations required for all trips. Alameda County — "Self-Guided Urban Outing: Berkeley," Ongoing. This interactive smart growth walking tour of central Berkeley examines some of the exciting projects that help alleviate the housing shortage in the city as well as amenities important to making a livable community. The walk, which includes the GAIA Cultural Center, Allston Oak Court, The Berkeley Bike Station, University Terrace and Strawberry Creek Park, takes between an hour and a half to two hours at a leisurely pace. Download the itinerary

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Marlin Luther King Jr. Shoreline — Ongoing. This 1,200-acre park situated near Oakland International Airport offers picnic areas with barbecues and a boat launch ramp. Swimming is not allowed. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Grove, a group of trees surrounding a grassy glade, is at the intersection of Doolittle Drive and Swan Way. The area also includes the 50-acre Arrowhead Marsh (part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network) and a Roger Berry sculpture titled "Duplex Cone," which traces the summer and winter solstice paths of the sun through the sky. Free. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Doolittle Drive and Swan Way, Oakland. 510-562-PARK, Picnic Reservations: 510-636-1684, www.ebparks.org.

Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline — Ongoing. A 295-acre shoreline picnic area with a secluded cove and swimming beach, and a hilltop offering panoramic views of the north Bay Area. Free. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., unless otherwise posted. 900 Dornan Dr., Richmond. 510-562-PARK, Picnic Reservations: 510-636-1684, www.ebparks.org.

Oakland Zoo — Ongoing. The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a miniature train, a carousel, picnic grounds and a gift shop as well as the animals in site specific exhibits, which allow them to roam freely. Included are "The African Savanna," with its two huge mixed-animal aviaries and 11 African Savanna exhibits; the Mahali Pa Tembo (Place of the Elephant), with giraffes, chimpanzees and more than 330 other animals from around the world; "Simba Pori," Swahili for "Lion Country," a spacious 1.5-acre habitat offering both a savanna and woodland setting for African lions; "Footprints from the Past," an anthropology exhibit showcasing four million years of human evolution and an actual "footpath" of the first hominids to emerge from the African savanna; "Sun Bear Exhibit," a state-of-the-art space the zoo has developed for its two sun bears; and Siamang Island, a state-of-the-art, barrier-free area that emulates the gibbons' native tropical rain forest habitat. Also see the Malaysian Fruit

Bats from the Lubee Bat Conservancy in Florida that are now roosting in trees at the zoo. In addition there are special exhibits and events monthly. Ongoing Exhibits — "Valley Children's Zoo," ongoing. The three-acre attraction offers a completely interactive experience for both children and adults. The exhibits include lemurs, giant fruit bats, otters, reptiles, insects and more. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Endangered Species," ongoing. An exhibit of photographs about the most endangered animals on the Earth and what can be done to save them. At the Education Center. Open daily during zoo hours. **ONGOING EVENTS** — "Valley Children's Zoo," ongoing. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The three-acre attraction will offer a completely interactive experience for both children and adults. The exhibits include lemurs, giant fruit bats, otters, reptiles, insects and more. Free with regular Zoo admission. "Wildlife Theater," ongoing. Saturday, 11:45 a.m.; Sunday, 1:45 p.m. On Saturday mornings listen to a story and meet a live animal. On Sunday afternoon meet live animals and learn cool facts about them. Meet in the Lobby of the Zoo's Maudie's Center for Science and Environmental Education. Free with regular Zoo admission. 510-632-9525, ext. 142. \$5.50-\$9; free children under age 2; \$5 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Knowledge Park, 9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland. 510-632-9525, www.oaklandzoo.org.

Point Pinole Regional Shoreline — Ongoing. The 2,315-acre parkland bordering Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo offers views of Mount Tamalpais, the Marin shoreline and San Pablo Bay. There are trails through meadows and woods, and along the bluffs and beaches of San Pablo Bay. Visitors can hike, ride bikes or take the park's shuttle bus to reach the 1,250-foot fishing pier at Point Pinole. \$5 per vehicle; \$4 per trailered vehicle; \$2 per dog (guide/service dogs free). Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Grant Highway, Richmond. 510-562-PARK, www.ebparks.org.

Redwood Regional Park — Ongoing. The park's 1,836 acres contain a redwood forest with peaceful groves, as well as other evergreens, chaparral and grasslands. There are picnic sites and grassy play areas, with access for disabled persons and a play structure for children. Redwood Creek, which runs through the park, contains the world-famous rainbow trout. \$5 per vehicle; \$4 per trailered

vehicle; \$2 per dog; free for guide/service dogs. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. 7867 Redwood Road, Oakland. 510-562-PARK, www.ebparks.org.

Rei Berkeley — A series of lectures on hikes and outdoor equipment. "Ten Months in Africa: Overland from Casablanca to Cape Town," Sept. 5. Independent travelers Teresa O'Kane and Scott Soper discuss their travel overland from Casablanca, Morocco to Cape Town South Africa. Events are free and begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-527-4140.

Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve — Ongoing. East Bay residents have several volcanoes in their backyard. This park contains Round Top, one of the highest peaks in the Oakland Hills. Free. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. 6800 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. 510-562-PARK, www.ebparks.org.

Roberts Regional Recreation Area — Ongoing. Within the park's 82 acres are a heated outdoor pool, bathhouse, playing fields, picnic areas and hiking and riding trails. Sea captains once took their bearings from a towering redwood tree on Blossom Rock here. \$5 per vehicle; \$2 per dog except guide and service dogs. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Skyline Boulevard, a half-mile north of Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. 510-562-PARK, www.ebparks.org.

Tilden Regional Park — This park is large and contains hiking trails, a golf course, a miniature scaled train to ride, The Brazilian Building and picnic areas. Regional Parks Botanic Garden — Ongoing. Guided docent tours of the gardens, Saturday and Sunday through 2006, 2 p.m. Free. 510-845-4116, www.nativeplants.org. Special Events — "California Dreamin'" Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-noon. Honor the 31st state's admission into the union as you partake in a mile-long interactive walk and create a craft. "Shoreline Saunter," Sept. 2, 2-4 p.m. Explore unique plant communities throughout this three-mile hike along the shoreline. "Kids Garden Club," Sept. 2, 2-4 p.m. Plant, harvest, build, make crafts and get dirty. Children ages 7-12. Registration required. \$8. 510-636-1684. "Family Nature Crafts," Sept. 3, 10-11 a.m. Explore your artsy side while learning about some of the creature that inhabit the park. For children of all ages. \$3. "Tela de la Vida, Fabric of Life," Sept. 3, 2-4 p.m. Celebrate the cultural and natural diversity of the region with a program designed espe-

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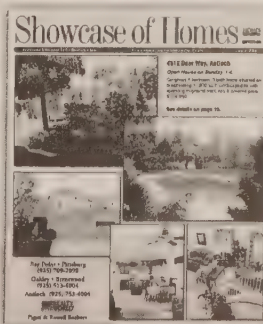
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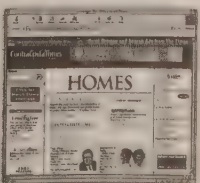
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trying to teach there to help these kids know that they can make a difference in the world, too. He's trying to teach them alternative versions of history that will empower them to do that kind of thing. But at the same time, he's buying drugs from the local drug dealers, and that's contributing to the destruction.

Q: How long did the process take from writing to filming?

A: We were never in a position to get paid to make a film before, so we had plenty of time to be working on a script. So we were writing in 2002 and then we had other jobs, put it away for a while, made the short. That sort of got the ball rolling. After the short, we didn't start shooting until last summer, the summer of 2005.

Q: What determined the way that you shot the film? There's a lot of hand-held camerawork, and it's got a pretty gritty, realistic look.

A: We wanted it to be as naturalistic as possible. Just as a fan of films, I'm a big fan of that visual style. It's definitely nothing new. But I feel more viscerally involved when something's hand-held and loose, and it was important for the actors to not feel confined by the frame. So if they needed to move a little bit, with film it's really hard with the lighting to have the freedom and flexibility of movement. I think that helps with the spontaneity of the performances, allowing the actors that kind of flexibility.

Q: How did your experiences growing up in the Bay Area influence "Half Nelson"?

A: I definitely think there's a real Bay Area influence in the film, even though it's (shot) in New York. There's a lot of political and historical references to San Francisco and Oakland. Once we moved (the film) to New York, we kind of switched some of them around. It would be weird if we were shooting in New York and it was about Oakland's history. I think you can still see it with the Harvey Milk and Mario Salvo Berkeley campus speeches (in the film). There's still definitely some remnants of that.

Q: Do you ever plan on making a movie in the Bay Area?

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Copeland

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performer, a radio personality, a columnist and a stand-up comic.

One day, years later, the slights and the brutalities exploded into the forefront of his mind. In naked detail, Copeland describes in his book the depression that led him to try to take his life, as well as his minute-by-minute rehabilitation.

A few years later, Copeland had recovered, but was floating in the doldrums careerwise. That's when he began sketching the play.

He got the idea from comedian Carl Reiner, who told him that "the secret is to find the piece of ground that you alone stand on, and write from there."

It was around then that Copeland received a scorching letter from someone who had watched him on TV, and charged, "You are not a genuine black man."

Soon Copeland became a fixture at Sabino's Coffee Shop in San Leandro, where he would scribble into his marble composition books every morning.

"I'd walk my kids to school, and sit in that corner and write every story I could remember," he said. "Every indignity."

Then he hit the public library and began researching the real estate history of San Leandro. Among his discoveries: A documentary called "The Suburban Wall" that detailed efforts to keep blacks and minorities out of the city. It included testimony before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

"I said, 'Oh my God,'" Copeland said. "I had no idea it was an organized plot, much less a nationally recognized organized plot."

The city was 99.9 percent white when his family moved here, but by 2000, it had become the fourth most diverse city in the nation, Copeland learned in researching his book, which includes chilling passages on segregation and the orchestration of white flight by real estate brokers.

Much of his research could not fit into the play. But both contain what he calls "the rant": his response to a letter writer who challenged his ethnicity.

"Why is it if I were in prison, if I was standing on a street corner selling crack, if I fathered

10 children with 10 different women, you might say other things about me, but you wouldn't say I'm not a genuine black man?"

Some black audience members have reacted angrily to his rant.

"A black woman from the BBC was all over me," he said. "She said, 'Why did you put this in there?' Some people really don't get it. Some people say, 'Are you saying all black men are bad?' You're feeding into stereotypes." They've missed the point entirely.

Copeland said no one knew what to expect when they first saw the play. "There's a learning curve for the audience," he said. "Black people come because the word 'black' is in it. It's a story about being an outsider. People say they can relate because they were the only Asian, the only Latino, the only boy, the only girl, the only fat person."

And he has no regrets about detailing his crisis with depression. He says he's heard from too many people who also suffered from emotional illnesses and kept it a secret — or who read his story and were prompted to seek help.

"I'd never done anything personal," he said. "My stand-up was topical, political. Depression is like a scarlet letter. I've known so many people who dealt with depression or had the problem and haven't dealt with

it. For those reasons, it's been a good thing."

Copeland is nothing if not energetic. But, while he spins quips, old show-biz stories and righteous outrage at a whipping pace, his eyes are steady, always taking in, always analyzing. He can read a reporter's shorthand upside down and talk built-in winders with a professional photographer.

If life has lashed him, it has brought some mighty sweet moments, too.

He began doing celebrity interviews in his early teens. He met Tom Hanks while Hanks performed in "Charley's Aunt" at Chabot College. He met Arthur Lake, the actor who played Dagwood Bumstead — and who would later fly to one of Copeland's comic-book conventions to perform on his own dime. And Jack Kelly, the actor who played Bart Maverick, taught him cards.

"Three of the coolest things that happened to me were that I played poker with Bart Maverick, I learned how to call 'Blondie' from Arthur Lake and I learned how to juggle from Tom Hanks," he said with a grin.

And perhaps the sweetest thing was when Copeland was drinking with buddy and San Francisco political figure Dick Hongisto at Lefty O'Doul's when he was smitten by a young singer.

"She was singing Cole

Porter," Copeland remembers rhapsodically. "I said, 'I'm going to marry her.' Dick said, 'No, you're not.'"

He did marry Susan Taylor, and today, while "we're not exactly the Barrymores," the Copelands are all taking flight in "the family business." His son is a comic and actor in Berkeley Rep's summer program. His daughter is a writer and actress. He has no intentions of dissuading them.

He won't say much about his next project — call it performers' superstition — although he said it will touch on similar themes, and dig even deeper personally. He is bringing "Not a Genuine Black Man" back to the Marsh for a month. He is also developing a cable TV series based on the play.

«But one thing he will say is that despite the ravaging years, Copeland plans to stay in San Leandro. He explained this while relaxing one morning at Sabino's, with locals calling out to him "Good to see you" and "Welcome back."

"It's a different time," he said. "A lot of those people have died. It's a different world now. And because my mother fought too goddamned hard for us to be here. She felt nobody should be able to tell you where you can and cannot live."

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PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to create new height limits for residential additions, alter the definition of major residential additions, alter the calculation of maximum height, limit the dimensions for roof appendages, and create a definition for dormers. The amendments are designed to permit larger by-right additions at the ground floor level subject to height restrictions, require discretionary review for residential additions generally above the first floor, alter the calculation for maximum height, restrict the size and location of roof appendages, and codify existing interpretation of the definition of a dormer.

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday September 6, 2006 at 6:00 PM
West Berkeley Senior Center, 1900 Sixth Street

The Planning Commission of the City of Berkeley will hold a special meeting and workshop on the above matter on Wednesday, September 6 at the West Berkeley Senior Center, 1900 Sixth Street (at Hearst Avenue), Berkeley (wheelchair accessible). The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.; this matter will likely not be discussed until after 8:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday September 13, 2006 at 7:00 PM
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

The Planning Commission of the City of Berkeley will hold a public hearing on the above matter, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance Section 23A.20.030, on Wednesday, September 13 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue (at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way), Berkeley (wheelchair accessible). The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.; this matter will likely not be discussed until after 8:00 p.m.

Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission may vote to recommend adoption, modification, or rejection of the proposed amendments. If the Planning Commission recommends adoption, the proposed amendments will be forwarded for action to the City Council.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposed amendments to Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Berkeley Municipal Code applying to residential structures, residential districts standards and the Hillside Overlay District, include the definitions of major residential addition, maximum height, and dormers, new restrictions on roof appendages, and the creation of new height restrictions for residential additions. Amendments may include the increase in the threshold of square footage for by right additions as well as a height limit applied to residential additions, to be exceeded by discretionary review. The amendments would not alter existing lot coverage and yard setback requirements in residential districts. The proposed amendments include provisions to modify the calculation of maximum height for sloped roofs. The amendments include restrictions on the height, width and length of mechanical roof appendages and new restrictions for auxiliary appendages (such as decks, rails and trellises) above certain height limits. The amendments codify an existing interpretation for the definition of a dormer.

LOCATION: The proposed amendments would change the development standards in all of the residentially zoned districts in the City of Berkeley and for dwelling units in commercially zoned districts subject to residential development standards. Additional definition changes can impact the entire City through their application in all districts, but are focused on residential districts and the Hillside Overlay District.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS: The amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 15301 as the proposed amendments would allow minor expansions of existing structures which would not have a significant effect on the environment and would be considered categorically exempt per Gov. Code Sec. 15301(e)(1).

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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Bartlett's class will be missed

THE LOCAL broadcasting scene lost another class recently with the retirement of genial Channel-7 weatherman Joel Bartlett, a familiar face to Bay Area TV viewers for over 20 years.

"Joel's as good as it gets," said KCBS weatherman Mike Pechner on learning of Bartlett's retirement. "He's a solid pro and a good guy." That he was, and is.

Joel's trademark was tossing his pen in the air with a spin and then catching it. I never saw Joel once drop it, and when I asked him once about it, he said characteristically, with a laugh, "I haven't dropped it yet. But who knows?"

Virginia native Bartlett was recruited by Channel 5 in 1983 from PG&E, where he'd been a meteorologist after having done the same duty for the Air Force. Bartlett was the stereotypical refined Southern gentleman, which is why I was so surprised when he was suspended for a few days in the mid-1980s. It was for an incident on the air during a live shot — one I'd seen but hadn't even noticed. Bartlett was supposed to ride a horse during a live weathercast — yet another gimmick segment producers love — and the horse was quite unruly and tried to throw the weatherman.

Bartlett, struggling with the steed, had remarked, "This horse is full of p— and vinegar today," which was true. And for that he was suspended? Times have changed.

But Bartlett shrugged off the incident a few days later when we had lunch near KPDX-TV. He told me one of his trade secrets — one that all TV forecasters probably know.

"Always err on the side of caution," he said. "If there's even a slight chance of rain, say it's going to rain. Don't ever say it's NOT going to rain unless you're absolutely certain."

Why? Spoiled picnics? Spoiled construction sites, actually.

"Every time I've said it won't rain and it has," Bartlett explained. "I'd get calls, sometimes lots of them, from cement contractors. They'll pour cement and the rain ruins their job. I've learned it's just easier for everyone to be conservative when you're forecasting."

Because Bartlett was such a nice guy in a sometimes-nasty business, he occasionally got taken advantage of because of his good nature.

When I was at the San Francisco Examiner, Bartlett tipped me off that his controversial colleague at KGO-TV, Pete Giddings, had actually moved Bartlett's furniture in KGO's weather office out into the hall — while Bartlett was off on vacation. The reason? Bartlett said the egocentric, tightly wound Giddings wanted to move a couch into the office.

Bartlett was not the kind of guy who made waves — just the opposite. But he felt, rightly, that he'd been treated badly by his colleague, and when I asked him about the furniture, he was forthcoming about the unfortunate incident.

After one live shot not long ago, I had the feeling that Marin resident Bartlett, who'd been at KPDX 13 years before coming to KGO, might be getting out of the business soon.

I was watching Channel 7's live newscast at 5 a.m., and there was a live weather segment from Alcatraz. Bartlett and another KGO personality were locked in a cell — and handcuffed to a bunk.

Why? To promote an upcoming Disney movie, and Disney happens to own Channel 7. I wondered how early Bartlett had to get up that morning to be ferried out to Alcatraz and be locked in a cell — all to promote a crummy movie.

Bartlett has too much class for today's promotion-oriented advertiser-centric TV business. He'll be missed.

E-mail Bill at Newsman@mannpublications.org.



TV AND RADIO PERSONALITY Brian Copeland talks to San Leandro Vice Mayor Surlene Grant during Copeland's "Not a Genuine Black Man" booksigning tour. Copeland grew up in San Leandro.

Copeland's past fuels hit

■ His theater piece comes back for another stand in San Francisco and has been turned into a book

By Rebecca Rosen Lum
STAFF WRITER

When an East Bay reporter was assigned to interview the brains behind a comic-book convention some years ago, he called the man to arrange an interview, then showed up at his San Leandro home.

"I said, 'Hi, I'm here to speak to Brian Copeland,'" recalls the Contra Costa Times' Pat Craig. "He said, 'I am Brian Copeland.'" He was very personable, very self-possessed, Craig said, but he didn't look like he was more than 12.

In fact, Copeland, now well-known in the Bay Area for his spots on TV's "Mornings on 2," his work as a stand-up comic and his smash theater piece, "Not a Genuine Black Man," wasn't much older.

Clearly, Copeland's been a man with a plan for a long, long time. And he is so personable, and so self-possessed, that "Not a Genuine Black Man," just out in hardback, came as a shock to many who knew him.

The long-running solo show caught fire at San Francisco's the Marsh, and he took it to New York for a successful run. For those who know Copeland's largely topical comedy routine or his good-natured bits on TV and radio, the show offered plenty of surprises. The book reveals still more.

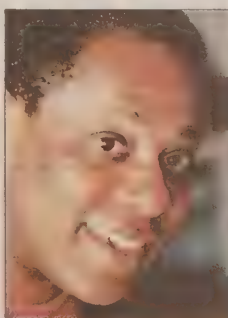
It cuts quick with the kind of edgy humor that characterizes his stand-up comedy, but is also a gut-wrenching story of growing up black in a town that was all-white — by design.

His mother moved her brood to the East Bay suburb in 1972. The book chronologizes a series of battering events, and some triumphs, that followed.

There was the time his mother urged him to take his bat and find some other little boys to play with at the park. With a cry of "Let's kick his (expletive)," the other boys tore after him, and Brian ran right into the arms of a police officer who grilled him, patted him down and locked him in the back



BRIAN COPELAND, formerly of "Mornings on 2," stops for a photo in his hometown of San Leandro.



"Black people come because the word 'black' is in it. It's a story about being an outsider."

— Brian Copeland

of the patrol car, without asking for a description of his tormentors. He was 8 years old.

In a typical aside, Copeland writes: "Black readers: 'Uh-huh.' White readers: 'What? You mean that the policeman isn't going to help the little Negro boy?'"

SEEING BRIAN

Here are some public events featuring Brian Copeland, author of "Not a Genuine Black Man: Or, How I Claimed My Piece of Ground in the Lily-White Suburbs."

■ **7 P.M. SEPT. 12**, Borders Books and Music, 5903 Shellmound St., Emeryville. Talk and booksigning. 510-654-1633.

■ **7 P.M. SEPT. 13**, Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista in Corte Madera. Talk and booksigning. 415-927-0960.

■ **7:30 P.M. SEPT. 18**, Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Talk and booksigning. 510-486-0392.

■ **SEPT. 21 THROUGH OCT. 21**, Copeland will perform his one-man

show, "Not a Genuine Black Man," at the Marsh, 1082 Valencia St., S.F. 800-838-3006 or www.brown-papertickets.com.

■ **7 P.M. OCT. 26**, San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. 510-577-3970.

■ **TO VIEW "THE SUBURBAN WALL,"** the 1971 documentary about San Leandro, and "The Invisible Wall," its 1981 follow-up, or find out what's new with Brian Copeland, visit www.brian-copeland.com.

■ **FOR MORE INFORMATION** or audio clips from Copeland's book, visit www.brian-copeland.com.

— Rebecca Rosen Lum

The indignities — and the trenchant asides — pile on: There's harassment by a landlord who tells the Copelands they have too many people in their unit and must leave (Copeland's mother foils this by pointing out other, larger families). There's bullying at school and in the neighborhood.

Then was the time his grandmother couldn't find a barber willing to cut his hair. She finally wound up at a familiar barber shop in Oakland, where a heady mix of smells, sounds and chat-

tering voices greeted him — a welcome relief after the accumulating tension that marks life in San Leandro.

Copeland endured tragedy and trauma, including the death of his mother when he was only 14, and grew up to carve turf for himself in San Leandro. He became student body vice president in his junior year and class president in his senior year. He also developed a career for himself as a

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Director Fleck creates memorable film

■ Former Oakland resident co-writes and directs 'Half Nelson,' which won the short film prize at Sundance

By Jennifer Modenessi
STAFF WRITER

Even though director Ryan Fleck no longer calls the East Bay home, the area has left an indelible mark on the filmmaker's work.

Take, for example "Half Nelson," the just-released, much-buzzed-about film Fleck co-wrote and directed with partner Anna Boden.

The unflinching portrait of a

teacher's descent into drug abuse was filmed in Brooklyn, but could have taken place in the director's hometown. In fact, were it not for "Nelson's" budget, Fleck would have shot the independent film in Oakland. However, by choosing locations that "didn't scream New York," Fleck was able to retain the flavor of an ethnically and socio-economically diverse neighborhood that could be found in any urban city.

And by casting Ryan Gosling as a well-intentioned yet tragically drug-addicted white teacher and newcomer Shareeka Epps as the African-American student he tries to rescue from a dealer, Fleck not only succeeds in drawing complex and convincing relationships, but

also creates a memorable film that neither glorifies nor demonizes its characters' shortcomings. After all, it's characters that the former Diablo Valley College theater student is interested in.

Q: The film's premise is similar to a short film ("Gowanus, Brooklyn") that you made a few years ago. Why did you want to make this movie in particular?

A: It's actually not based off a short. Anna, my partner, and I wrote the script for "Half Nelson" four years ago. We didn't know how to do it the way we wanted to, didn't have any resources, any connections to make a film which was probably going to cost about



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Ryan Fleck

SUSAN KUGLER

Sound adds to installation

SIMPLICITY If you've seen it all too easy to see art shows. This interesting, Love

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Section D

The 2007 Saturn Sky Red Line is a hot car with a hot engine

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

2007 Saturn Sky Red Line is a car that will make heads turn. And it has a turbocharged engine.

The Sky is an attractive two-seater that was introduced in 2006. This car has a turbocharged engine because the body is designed exactly as the designer intended. The process called hydroforming, which presses and curves on the sheet metal under water pressure; thus it follows the original design.

Unfortunately, the designers didn't leave much room under the hood for an engine. But Saturn engineers got around that problem by designing an turbocharged 2.0-liter engine, which produces 260 horsepower. With direct injection in North America, the engine generates excellent power while maintaining low fuel consumption. At 21 miles per gallon city, 29 mpg highway, direct injection also reduces emissions.

Power is so amazing, the Sky Red Line can do 0-to-60 mph in 5.5 seconds. This engine has a long torque curve that kicks in at only 2,500 rpm and stays with the 260 pounds-foot of torque the way up to 5,300 rpm. Those numbers translate into a dynamite car with responsive acceleration, making it a fun drive.

There are a few minor exterior styling changes on the Sky Red Line, compared to the base Sky. The headlamps have been redesigned, it has brake-cooling ducts in the fog lamp area, and the dual exhaust pipes are polished aluminum.

Although it is available with a five-speed manual shifter, my tester had a five-speed automatic transmission. With its quick acceleration, I never needed to downshift; thus the automatic drive quite pleasurable. My tester had a base price of \$30,554. With some desirable options — leather, automatic, AM/FM with MP3, speaker sound moonson audio system, 18-inch five-spoke polished aluminum wheels — it tallied to \$30,554.



MOTOR MATTERS



THE 2007 SATURN SKY RED Line is an attractive two-seater convertible with a turbocharged engine.

KEANE ON WHEELS

minum wheels — it tallied to \$30,554.

The lumbar support in the driver's seat was much appreciated during my 150 miles of hard driving over some exciting, wiggly roads. The Sky Red Line has excellent handling and is very well balanced due to its 50/50 weight distribution. It is a wide-track vehicle with excellent stability. It also has a four-wheel independent suspension and four-wheel disc brakes.

The leather-wrapped steering wheel has audio controls. Although it doesn't have power seats, I was able to adjust to my preferred driving position quickly.

The canvas top easily lowers by hand and folds into a compartment behind the seat, allowing me to sit in the Sky with a clear view of the sky. It's loaded with the latest safety features including dual-stage

SATURN SKY RED LINE

Vehicle Type	Two-passenger, 2two-door, Rear-wheel drive convertible
Suggested Retail	\$27,295
Price As Tested	\$30,554
Engine Type	Four-cylinder turbo DOHC w/direct fuel injection
Horsepower	260 @ 5,300 rpm
Torque	260 @ 2,500 - 5,300 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	95 inches
Height	50 inches
Curb Weight	3,024 pounds
Fuel Capacity	14 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 21/29

frontal airbags, side impact door beams and three-point safety belts. Storage space is minimal, but this vehicle is not intended to be a family sedan. It is intended to be what it is: a fun car. It also features OnStar, a system now

offering many subtle advantages. In addition to calling assistance in the event of an accident, OnStar now monitors the mechanicals of the car. While driving, OnStar will advise the driver when the car is in need of an oil change or other me-

chanical problems that need attention. Saturn has a winner with the Sky Red Line — one of four new models that will soon be in dealer showrooms. The others are a new Aura, a midsize sedan, the Vue Green Line hybrid — and the Outlook, a crossover utility. But for now, it's the Sky Red Line that's turning heads.

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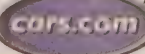
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1976 Chrysler New Yorker has become a cruise car

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

The Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise in Detroit is the ultimate cruise-in event and draws cars and their owners of every type from throughout the nation and beyond. The miles-long parade included Mark Sleith, driving his Spinnaker White 1976 Chrysler New Yorker Brougham for all to admire.

Chrysler automobiles were a part of life in the Sleith household in Cleveland. At least that's how Sleith remembers growing up amid a succession on Chryslers. In the early 1980s, a New Yorker was the family car when the teen-ager took the test for his driver's license.

Many years and many miles later, the nostalgia bug bit Sleith, now a Washington, D.C., resident, and a few years ago he began the search for an old Chrysler — he would know when he found the right one. In August 2005, the Internet provided the answer he sought when he discovered a familiar 1976 Chrysler New Yorker Brougham for sale outside of Chicago. The odometer had recorded only 23,000 miles.

He flew to Chicago after arranging to meet the seller. "When I sat in the car," Sleith says, "it was like erasing 20 years." With his eyes closed, he instinctively knew where the controls were. The brief test-drive provided the familiar "floaty ride" and Sleith bought the car. He left a down payment and flew back home to make arrangements.

Soon thereafter, he flew back to

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Chicago to collect his prize. After the paperwork was completed, he slid behind the steering wheel and fired up the monstrous 440-cubic-inch V8 and, with 205-horsepower tugging the 4,950-pound Chrysler, he set off for Cleveland. When he arrived at his parents house, he didn't know if they were happier to see him or the twin of their old Chrysler. "I gave them their own 1970s moment," Sleith says.

Records indicate that 28,327 four-door hardtop models like Sleith's were manufactured and each one had a base price of \$6,737. Sleith is fortunate in that his car came with the original window sticker from Ken's Auto Service on North Main in Algona, Iowa, which lists not only the extra cost accessories but their prices as well, including air conditioning, vinyl roof, six-way power driver's seat, AM radio, power door locks, cruise control, tilt/telescopic wheel, rear window defroster, tinted glass, body side molding, premier wheel covers, cornering lights, illuminated vanity mirror, power antenna, right remote mirror, power deck lid release and door edge protectors.

Those options totaled \$2,940.05 and, with destination charge added, the bottom line price was \$8,674.75. Of course, the top-of-the-line Chrysler came with the standard 12-month warranty with



CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES WERE a part of life in the Sleith household when Mark was growing. Many years and many miles later, the nostalgia bug bit Mark Sleith and he purchased a 1976 Chrysler New Yorker Brougham.

unlimited mileage.

After impressing his parents with the Chrysler, Sleith continued on to Washington with the 124-inch wheelbase insulating him from the harsh realities of the highway. Typical of the era, the speedometer only registers speeds up to 100 mph.

When driving the car, Sleith recommends mentally regressing to the 1970s. "Keep turning the steering wheel," he says, "and you'll start changing direction at one point."

In the 12 months he has had the car at home, he has rebuilt the four-barrel carburetor and installed a new radiator along with new belts, hoses and filters for both fuel and air. All the fluids were flushed and renewed and the entire brake system was replaced with new parts on the theory that stopping is even more important than going.

Sleith had racked up about 1,500 miles on short trips near home, pushing the odometer up to about 24,500

miles. One large backup light is centered in the rear bumper.

Standard equipment on the Chrysler includes carpets, fender skirts, power steering, bumper guards, three-speed wipers, power windows, steel-belted tires, left outside mirror, cloth/leather seats, electronic digital clock, power front disc brakes, torqueflite transmission, electronic ignition system and undercoating with hood pad.

In August, Sleith completed his personal dream cruise when he

made the round trip to Washington to see the Chrysler that comes in at 19 feet long, 74 inches wide and 57 inches tall.

For your car to be subject of the Classic column, send a photograph (view) plus brief description to Vern Parker, 10000 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202. Only photos of good cars considered.

Storing a car for winter requires proper preparation

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I plan on storing my new 2007 Corvette November through March. What do you recommend for storing a car in the Northeast? — Fran

Dear Fran: The Northeast weather is very hard on vehicles left outside and not driven. The first step is to get inside storage. Then the usual prep for storage, which is: change the oil and filter, have proper coolant protection, fuel stabilizer and the tires brought up to pressure. Either remove the battery or put it on

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a maintenance charger. Place a piece of thick carpet under each tire — don't just let them sit on cement.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Dodge minivan. The a/c system will hold a charge only for a week. The technician checked the system and said the problem is a leaking evaporator. The cost of repair is \$750 to \$800. He also said this is a common problem. Do you know of any a/c stop leak products that will seal the

leak? — Randy

Dear Randy: I have come across a product called Super Seal Premium that has worked at my shop on leaking a/c systems. You can learn more at the company Web site, www.ciplight.com, or call 800-526-7096. The sealer costs about \$50.

Dear Doctor: I took delivery of my 2003 Dodge pickup 4x4 in February of 2003. What is the life expectancy of the battery? I live in California. I would like to prevent the problem of one morning finding a dead battery. — Frank

Dear Frank: Battery life in gen-

eral is 3 to 5 years. There are a few ways to test a battery. The hydrometer is an old and true method when the battery cell covers can be removed. The load test is also accurate. The continuity test is my least favorite. Whenever buying a replacement battery, I suggest the most powerful cold cranking amps available.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 Lincoln with only 26,000 miles. Over the last few months, it has developed a shifting problem. It will stick in park or neutral and sometimes the engine will not start. The

dealer says this is a common problem and there is no fix for it. What are your thoughts? — William

Dear William: Find another repair shop or dealer. I service these vehicles and do not have any problems with the shifter.

Dear Doctor: My wife and I are in the market for a new midsize car in the \$30,000 range. We looked at the V6 Honda Accord EX and the Hyundai Azera. We were impressed with the Hyundai. We hesitate with the Hyundai Azera because it's a new model. We were unable to get any information on the 2007 model. Do you have any experience with either car? — Umesh

Dear Umesh: I can only tell you my experience for a week in the

2006 Azera. Everyone and drove in the car. I believe it was a Hyundai. I was impressed with the car, but from the rich feel of the smooth-shifting automatic mated to the car. The car is made in Korea. I did pay attention to the

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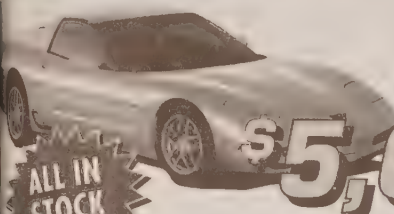
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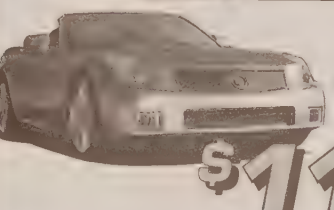


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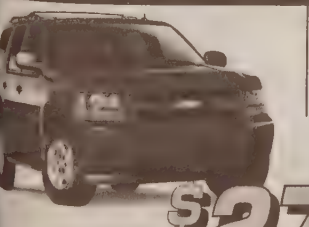


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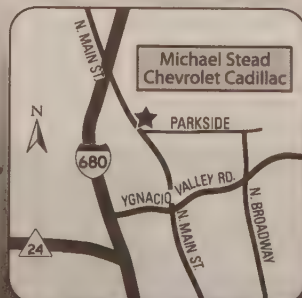
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Tour auto museums off the beaten path

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

I recently was assigned by a newspaper to compile a list of auto museums and automotive collections throughout the United States that people might want to take in during what is left of summer.

"I want every one you can find," my editor said. "Even the most obscure, little collections."

I'd done something similar a decade or so ago, but focused on only about a dozen metropolitan areas. With that as background, I jumped at the assignment. How hard could it be, I figured, especially with the Internet as a tool, which I didn't have for the earlier assignment.

Turns out, it wasn't as easy as I thought.

I started by gathering all of the lists of auto museums I could find on the Internet. Cross-checking those, I compiled a master list. It turned out not to be a very clean list. One Web site simply took a list from another site. It demonstrated one of the failings of the Internet — If a piece of information is wrong or dated, it spreads like a virus. Some lists included dealerships that alleged to be museum-like in the vehicles they sold. New ones had opened; many had closed. A lot are low tech with no Web site or e-mail address to be had. I couldn't confirm dozens and tossed them onto the leftover heap for future digging.

But most shocking was simply the massive number of auto museums and collections that exist in the U.S. "You can't imagine how many," I told my editor as I worked long hours to finish and still missed deadlines.

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I got wrapped up in the stories behind the museums. Many are housed in interesting buildings, from old bakeries and service stations to historic art deco structures. Even more fascinating are the stories of the people who owned the cars and created the collections. They are men who made their fortunes in everything from knitting mills to cosmetics, or the sales guy who traveled his territory buying vehicles that intrigued him.

There are collectors who specialize in certain kinds of vehicles — fire trucks, buses and agricultural equipment. Some focus on a certain era, such as the Steam Era or the Golden Age of luxury Duesenbergs, for instance. Many museums, particularly publicly owned ones, use vehicles to tell the story of transportation and development in their area or to preserve the history of a vehicle maker in their area.

Collections range from a couple of cars to several hundred. The Nethercutt Collection in California, for instance, claims to be the largest with 800 vintage vehicles. Some have common names, like Ford and Chevrolet; others are obscure brands only the aficionado recognizes.

Nearly every state has a collection or auto museum somewhere. Rhode Island has at least one; Alaska has a couple; California probably has the most of any state with more than a dozen that I found; and the Midwest, naturally, has the most for a region. As it happened, I visited many

of the museums on the list. Detroit is home to two of my favorites: The Henry Ford, which traces the evolution of the motor vehicle from the Roper steam carriage to modern cars, and the relatively new Walter P. Chrysler Museum, which outlines the history of Chrysler.

In California, I arranged a private

tour on a closed Monday at Northern California's Blackhawk museum, which selects cars for display based on historical significance or artistic inspiration. And I detoured from business meetings in Los Angeles to visit the Petersen Museum.

I've had the privilege to view other collections not open to the public, including one at a Napa Valley winery, and General Motors' heritage collection, heavy on

Cadillacs, which is housed in a warehouse in a Detroit suburb and opened only for special events, and GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz's personal garage.

I discovered public collections I would like to visit. Among them: the Pierce-Arrow museum in Buffalo, not far from my hometown of Syracuse; the Gilmore Collection, not far from my current home in Michigan, and a little beyond the Auburn Cord museum in Fort

Wayne, Ind. In Pennsylvania, a trip to Hershey's Antique Automobile Museum will include a visit to the Nethercutt Collection. My research continues again, that American mobile history — To reach Michelle, e-mail to michelle@hillsnewspapers.com



"HOT RODS AND COOL MODS" exhibition at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills, Mich.

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The Honda Accord combines sportiness and all-around capability, which helps it maintain its top rating among family sedans, according to Consumer Reports magazine. The V6 is refined, quick, and relatively economical — \$18,225 to \$30,990. The ride is nicely firm and handling is nimble. The front seats are comfortable and the interior is well finished, however road noise is the biggest complaint. Crash test and reliability are very good.

Ford, GM quality improves

Detroit automakers, led by Ford Motor Co., are outperforming many foreign rivals in long-term quality, according to a closely watched industry study. While Lexus was the top brand, Ford's Mercury brand and General Motors Corp.'s Buick and Cadillac marques rounded out the top four, according to J.D. Power and Associates' 2006 Vehicle Dependability Study. Toyota and Lexus won top honors in eight individual categories.

Source: The Detroit News.

Big year ahead

The 2007 model year will be the busiest year ever for new vehicle launches, according to a Merrill Lynch auto analyst John Murphy, with 61 new vehicles. That compares to an average of 35 a year between 1987 and 2006. Murphy estimates about 24 percent of the industry's U.S. new-car sales volume will be replaced by new models in 2007, an all-time high. The average replacement rate between 1992 and 2006 was just 13 percent.

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Infiniti now offers a studio on wheels

BY HERB SHULDINER
MOTOR MATTERS

Audio systems in cars keep getting better all the time. Some of the latest audio quality that makes you feel like you're sitting in a concert hall is coming from Infiniti's new 2007 G35. The new Bose audio system helps accentuate the fact that the car offers more than just a ride.

From the beginning of the G's segment, the sound system was considered a core element of the vehicle, rather than simply a feature, says a Bose engineer. "Working with Bose, we've achieved our vision with audio on wheels."

Infiniti got a chance to listen

DOWN THE ROAD

to a jazz combo in a Manhattan recording studio. Then I sat inside the car and listened to a CD with the same music. It was hard to distinguish between the live performance and the CD.

The studio on wheels was developed with Bose to create a new benchmark in vehicle sound systems. "You'll hear stuff off a CD you've never heard before with this system," says a Bose engineer. To produce this quality, the car and audio engineers from the companies engineered the audio system from the ground up.

From the very beginning of planning the new G35, Bose and Infiniti collaborated closely in developing the studio on wheels system. Instead of working with a list of features and specifications, Bose engineers made thousands of acoustic measurements of the car's interior and then placed the com-

ponents where they would reproduce optimum sound fidelity.

If the components didn't reproduce optimized sound reproduction, Infiniti engineers altered sheet metal in the doors and elsewhere to allow Bose sound engineers to place speakers and other elements in the sound system where they performed best.

The internal structure of the G35 doors and the specific shape and size of the holes in the speaker grilles were tailored to optimize sound quality. Infiniti engineers accommodated their counterparts from Bose by designing the front doors around the audio components.

The new G35 sound system has 10 Bose neodymium-magnet speakers, including an industry first with a 10-inch woofer in each front door. "That's never been done before," says a Bose engineer. There's also a third 10-inch woofer on the rear shelf of the car. The inverted motor structure of the woofers is squeezed into 2.6 inches of depth which allows their placement in the doors.

The system also includes a 3-inch mid/high range speaker in each door and one in the center of the instrument panel. Each rear door contains a 6.5-inch neodymium full-range speaker. There is also a 1-inch tweeter located in each side mirror patch.

A digital amplifier powers the G35 sound system. It has three times the processing power that's in the current G35 audio system. Bose engineers claim this delivers a more detailed, lifelike sound.

Jim Hooke, senior manager Infiniti marketing, forecasts that the studio on wheels will be a popular feature with G35 buyers. There were about 68,000 G35s sold in 2005 and Hooke expects at least equal that total this year. "We're looking at the 2007 model to improve over the current total," he says.

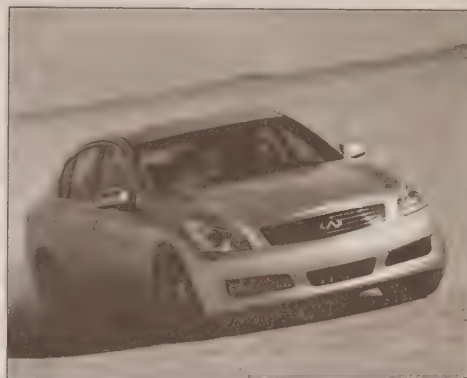
Infiniti provides a lot more in the 2007 G35 besides its outstanding sound systems. The Infiniti executive believes the new 300-horsepower engine, which has 80 percent of its internal parts redesigned, will help 2007 sales. The new G35 goes on sale in November.

Hooke expects the Miami and Los Angeles metro markets, and

both coasts in general, to lead G35 sales. "We would like more sales in the heartland," he says.

The new G35 will be available in all- and rear-wheel drive versions. He forecasts that 70 per-

cent of sales will be RWD models. "But initial orders might be more heavily AWD weighted," Hooke says. Prices for the G35 won't be released until closer to its on-sale date in November.



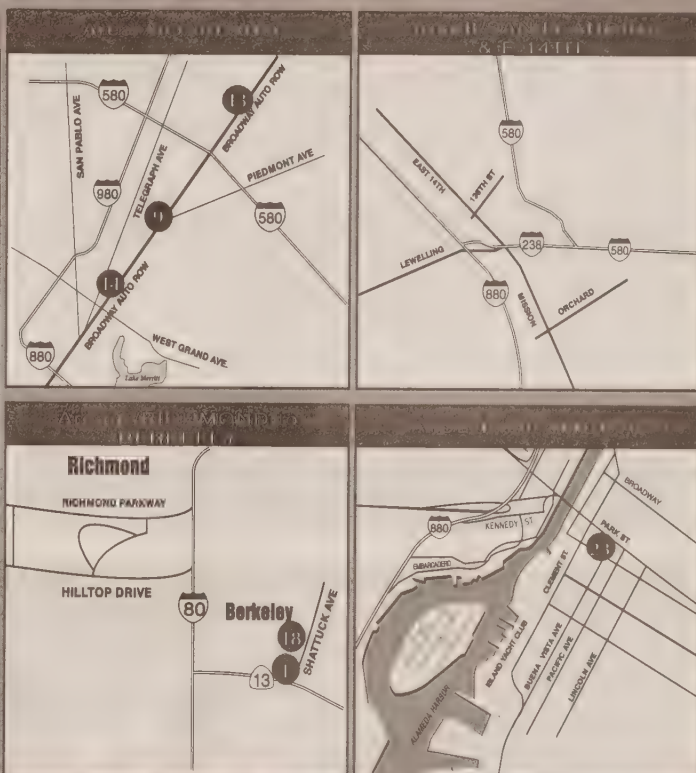
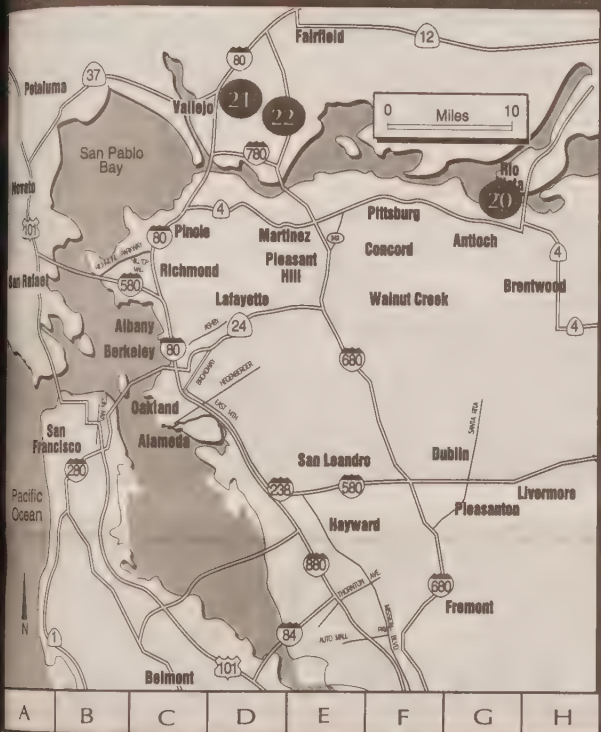
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Dear Doctor: We own a 1986 Toyota Camry. Someone told my wife to turn off the a/c when stopped at red lights and in traffic. They told her the a/c puts a big strain on the engine when stopped. She always turns the a/c off when the car is not moving. There is nothing written anywhere in the manual about this. What are your thoughts? — Joe

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15747 Via Sorrento - \$630,000
16170 Via Walter - \$622,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$236,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,122,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$715,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$760,333

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$600,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$785,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$701,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$671,500

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$415,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$703,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$761,143

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$570,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,190,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$705,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$753,375

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1
LOWEST PRICE: \$236,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,122,000
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KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$950,000

OAKLAND

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PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
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RICHMOND

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Expedition full-size SUV popular tow vehicle ever introduced in the launch of the 2007 Expedition towing fans have been excited about. The Expedition EL, which means "extra long," has a 14.8-inch longer body than the standard Expedition, more wheelbase, more towing capability and more space for passengers and cargo.

ROLLING HOMES

tion a definite Ford truck family look that should appeal to a wide range of RV drivers.

An all-new frame, designed around Super Duty truck parameters and strength requirements, was used to support a familiar suspension setup. Up front there's an independent A-arm suspension with coil springs, and out back, the second generation of the independent rear suspension (IRS) used on the previous Expedition model. Coil springs and a five-link-style suspension setup

are used out back, and four-wheel disc brakes with four-wheel ABS are standard features.

Ford's 5.4-Liter Triton V8 is the sole engine available and is mated to an all-new six-speed automatic transmission with two top-end over-drive gears. The engine is rated at 300 horsepower and 365 pounds-foot of torque, so it's more than strong enough to handle its rated trailer payload.

The IRS configuration is low profile and made possible the inclusion of the extra-roomy third-row seat. Extra legroom accommodates passengers up to 6 feet 2 inches tall, and the optional Powerfold feature folds the seat away at the touch of a button.

All-new interior features, including redesigned seats and a new dashboard, are standard on all Expedition models.

Safety hasn't taken a back seat. All Expeditions now receive a standard side-curtain safety canopy that provides crash and rollover protection for all three rows of seats. Dual-stage front air bags and seat-mounted side air bags for front seat passengers are also standard.

Ford's exclusive AdvanceTrac with RSC (Roll Stability Control) uses a gyroscopic roll-rate sensor to monitor and measure the vehicle's yaw and roll angles. If a rollover seems imminent, the system works with the ABS and engine controls to apply

countermeasures to help maintain safe driving.

In addition to all the slick new hardware, Ford has also lowered the price of 2007 models by an average of \$4,300. This is on top of incorporating more standard features than previously available. You literally get more for your money with the 2007 model.

We took a short test drive in a 4WD Expedition EL with an Arctic Fox model 25R trailer on board. The approximately 6,300-pound trailer was sized right for the Expedition, yet it didn't even seriously push the rig's 8,750-pound tow rating. The rating can be as high as 9,200-pounds for standard-length Expedition models in 2WD form.

The first thing we noticed was the lack of noise. Ford has done a superb job with sound insulation and wind noise control. This

is one quiet ride.

As a rule, adding wheelbase to a given tow rig equates to more towing stability. That seems to be the case with the Expedition. The rear overhang — the distance from the rear axle to the hitch ball — remains about the same, and the extra 12 inches of wheelbase helps stabilize the towing experience.

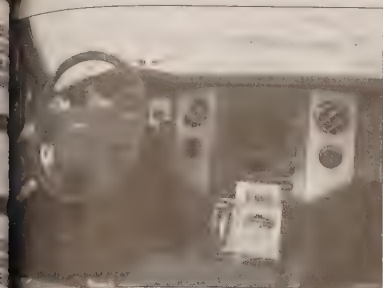
We took on city streets and state highways with equal ease. Braking and cornering felt solid and secure, with no sense that the trailer was pushing us around at all. A trip across the bridge over the Columbia River between Astoria and the Washington state shoreline subjected us to some terrific crosswind conditions, but again, the Expedition held straight and true.

As anticipated, the RSC setup helps keep the aft end of the tow rig in line and avoids having it push

right and left as the trailer hitch applies lateral force in corners or crosswinds. That's a big drawback to leaf springs and solid axles in that they can flex laterally quite a bit, resulting in less than optimal handling. Ford has eliminated that problem with its RSC on the Expedition.

We were impressed with the truck's ride and handling with the trailer aboard. The original Expedition is a good tow vehicle and the new 2007 model is even better. Combined with its extra people hauling capacity and other features, it's a good bet if such a full-size SUV is in your future.

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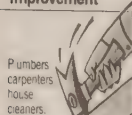
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SEE YOU THERE!</p> <p>MOVING SALE Sat 8/26-3 1863 Catalina Ave 151k N. of Solano Furniture, toys, kids stuff, books, camping items, clothing, Cookies & Lemonade</p> <p>Bethel Island</p> <p>GARAGE SALE 6701 Piper Rd. Fri-Mon. 8am-6pm. Furniture, china, art, dog house, tools and more</p> <p>GOY WITCHED SALE Saturday 9/2 10am - 3pm 2996 Taylor Ave. Furniture, china, art, dog house, tools and more</p> <p>GARAGE SALE 814 E St. 8:30am-3pm. Saturday only 9/2 Garage, patio set, clothing & much more</p> <p>MOVING SALE - FRI & SAT 9/1-2 3519 Siders Ct. Tools, RV, tailgate for Dodge, hand truck, household misc., and clothes</p> <p>MOVING SALE Sat 9/2, 9-7 2312 Medline Ave. Antiques, dresser w/ mirror, wooden fold-in chairs, lamp, table, kitchenware, plus sz. women's clothes, etc.</p> <p>FEAR OF JUNE SALE SATURDAY 9/2 8am-7 808 BLUEROCK DRIVE (near 10th & 11th) Remodel leftovers & extras. Too much to list!</p>	<p>Concord</p> <p>CONCORD Whirlpool washer \$250 Dryer \$50 9800 N. 1st St. (at 9th) Boxed lots of baby items. 3118 Jen Ct. Concord, CA 94518 925-959-0908</p> <p>GARAGE SALE 1879 Jacqueline Way Saturday, 9am-2pm FURNITURE, CHINA, ANTIQUES, FEATHER WEIGHTS, GLASS, WARE, ODDS & ENDS.</p> <p>GARAGE SALE 8 our WAREHOUSE Sat. 9-3 Automotive tool/parts, crib w/ dresser, left bed set, office equip., stereo, equip., kids toys/clothes, rocker, Furn., Appliances & More Hwy 4 & Port Chicago N. on 2322-K Bates Ave</p> <p>SAT ONLY 8-1 1987 San Vicente Dr VHS, DVDs, baseball & children's clothes, 8-11am. Furniture, kids items & other treasures</p>	<p>Dublin</p> <p>DUBLIN Moving Sale Beautiful Designer Furniture Includes place formal dining room and hutch, kitchen set, custom sofa, like new, computer, TV, stereo, etc. Call to schedule appointment to view at 925-788-3014 or 833-475-1965</p> <p>LOTS of New Products! Brand new Hanes items, items, MORE! 7015 Cedar Ct. x Cedar. Sat. 8am-4pm</p> <p>El Cerrito</p> <p>WISCONSIN 70's Antique Store moved. Intact: furniture, stone, findings, sterling, pottery, dolls, China, kit, advertising & much more. 10110 12th St. All Must Go! Sat. 10-4 Sun. 12-3. 845 Everett</p> <p>SATURDAY, Sept 2 5467 Conlon Ave. Misc. glass, ceramics, new gift items, plants (succulents & perennials). No Early Birds!</p> <p>YARD SALE Sat 9/2, 8-Noon 1038 Everett St (off Mooser) Furniture, children's books & more!</p> <p>El Sobrante</p> <p>4139 Garden Rd. Sat. 7am to 3pm Furn., tools, household items, & lots more!!!!</p> <p>EVERY THING MUST GO 28 Cater Ct. 8am-3pm. Sat. only. Furn., tools, kit, table & chair, brass bed, glassware & much more</p> <p>MOVING SALE Fri-Sun 9-5 4661 UPLAND RD 510-222-5451. Furn. Beaut. dishes and glassware. To much to list. Xint Shape. Something For Everybody</p> <p>SHREWD FOREST ANNUAL GARAGE SALE OVER 100 FAMILIES! Something for every- one. Sat. Sept. 2, 9-4 5750 Robin Hood Dr.</p>	<p>Hercules</p> <p>SAT 9/2, 9-7 Deme Ct Hshld. items, washer, elec. dryer, refrig., all 3 in exc. shape, enter. center, rolltop desk, glass cur. cab., pictures, knick-knacks, furn., free couch, etc.</p> <p>Lafayette</p> <p>GARAGE SALE MOVING APT. 28 YRS! SAT 9/2 9am to 3pm 3141 Diablo View Rd. Tools, medical equipment, clothes, books, furn., knick knacks.</p> <p>WONDERFUL ESTATE SALE Fri-Sat 10-5 Broad selection of furniture items, baby gear, home accessories & more. Great price! 10110 12th St. All Must Go! Sat. 10-4 Sun. 12-3. 845 Everett</p> <p>STOP HERE BEFORE YOU GO TO THE MALL! 3551 Oak Glen Circle & Court - Neighborhood Sale. Sat. 9am - 3pm. NO EARLY BIRDS! Take Chippendale Parkway to Oak Glen Circle.</p>	<p>Martinez</p> <p>1846 29th Ct. Sat. 8-1 Household items, girls and boys clothes (sz 5-8) Queen size mattress, Kirby vac., New & used upperware, kit. items</p> <p>GARAGE SALE 850 YEALE AVE (off Pacheco Blvd) SATURDAY ONLY 9-3PM Lg. appls., books, hshld. items, knick-knacks some clothes & lots more</p> <p>MARTINEZ YARD SALE SATURDAY 8:30 AM. EVERYTHING FREE AFTER 3PM</p> <p>ESTATE SALE Sun & Mon. Sept. 3-4 9-3pm. Lifetime accumulation of 93 yr old's collectors hm. 1940's - 1980's vintage. Bring gloves folks! Priced to Sell! 4015 Barner Ave.</p> <p>Oakland</p> <p>ESTATE SALE Sun & Mon. Sept. 3-4 9-3pm. Lifetime accumulation of 93 yr old's collectors hm. 1940's - 1980's vintage. Bring gloves folks! Priced to Sell! 4015 Barner Ave.</p> <p>Oakland</p> <p>Stickley bdrm set, dishes, decorative, kids, alr. hshld. items. Sat. Sept. 2, 10-3. No Early Birds. Also Hills. Mem. \$10k. DFG. 510-236-5837</p> <p>Oakley</p> <p>Oakley Sat & Sun 9-4 Furniture, decor, clothing, books, misc. Good quality. 925-570-0777</p>	<p>Pacheco</p> <p>PACHICO Huge Sale Sat. Sept. 2 11am-5pm stuff 2 list. Antiques/ furniture, hshld. items, books & p. a. n. i. n. g. s. / coats, and more! 1372 Temple Dr. 925-BLE-1177</p> <p>Pinole</p> <p>2780 SARGENT AVE Sat. & Sun. 9am - 2pm Clothes, shoes, housewares, two small quads</p> <p>HUGE YARD SALE 630 Betty Ave. Sat-Sun 8am-4pm. Furniture, hshld. items, household items & much more!</p> <p>MOVING SALE 3332 Ponderosa Trail Sat. Sun. 10-6 Furniture, Kitchen-ware, Picture Frames, Dining table, love seat, Couch, Misc. Exit Pinole Valley Rd.</p> <p>PINOLE Garage Sale Sunday 9/3, 8am-2pm 2652 Tamapais Drive Toys, tools, baby household items. Miscellaneous free item!</p>	<p>Pleasant Hill</p> <p>143 MAXINE DR. SATURDAY 9-2 P.M. FOUR FAMILY SALE Women's clothes, jewelry, linens, antiques & coll., tons of books, pottery, dishes, gift items, fishing gear, tools. GREAT STUFF!</p> <p>Pleasanton</p> <p>3544 BALLANTYNE DR Sat. 8am to 3pm baby clothes, 10 spd bike, American rims, arts, crafts, quilting material, household items & more</p> <p>MOVING SALE Everything Must Go! Furniture, Crafts, Fridges & Misc. 2778 Chocolate St. Sat. 8-2pm</p> <p>MULTI-FAMILY SALE 3171 Lansdown Ct. Sat/Sun. 8am-4pm. Baby items, bikes, hshld. items, Barbie Jeep, kids toys, books, videos & lots more</p>	<p>San Pablo</p> <p>ESTATE SALE Tara Hills Mobile Park #147, 16401 San Pablo Ave. Sat. 9/2 7am to 5pm Full house of furn. & more. All must go! Cell: 615-479-3669</p> <p>San Ramon</p> <p>GARAGE SALE SAT 9/2 9am to 1pm Toys and household items. 7484 Northland Ave.</p> <p>MULTI FAMILY SALE Benefits San Ramon FC girls' U17 Soccer Team 14 Lorca Ct. Sat 9/2, 8am-2pm</p>
<p>Vallejo</p> <p>GARAGE SALE 1625 Santa Clara St. Sat. 9/2 9am-4pm. Too much to list. No early birds. Everything must go!</p> <p>Walnut Creek</p> <p>WREATH ESTATE SALE Quality 6 pc twin bdrm set, On Penn. House complete bdrm. set, Queen Anne Din. Set, Italian marble & brass coffee table, antique side table, Lladro, Lenox, silver, paint. Ines, CA pottery, retro trays, 2 nice lg. desks, beaut. book cases, lamps, sofa, Occasional chairs, Eames-style chrs., upright freezer, complete kit. items, 768 Buckingham Ct. (Northgate to Sutton to Whitehaven) Sat 4 & Sun 9-1</p> <p>MULTI FAMILY SALE 2884 San Antonio Dr. Sat. 9/2, 9am to 1pm. Toys, baby items, books, clothes, household items & more</p> <p>MULTI FAMILY SALE Furniture, antiques, B&O, curio cabinet, pictures, books, dishes & much more! FRI/SAT, 8am-4pm 1424 HUSTON ROAD</p>	<p>Richmond</p> <p>Garage Sale 668 54th St. Sat. 10-3 Baby Equipment Kids/ women's clothes, sterling silver and Vintage costume jewelry Books and More</p> <p>RICHMOND Multiple homes, 941 32nd Street. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, lamps, frames, kitchenware. Sat. Sept 2nd 9AM to 3PM only</p> <p>RICHMOND NORTH & EAST "ANNUAL" NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE, SEPT. 2, SAT 9AM-4PM. PICK UP LIST & MAP AT 3600 GARVIN/36TH. 818-235-4711</p>	<p>Pittsburg</p> <p>2218 Lynbrook Dr. (Exit Livermore, rt. E. Leland, left Stone-ridge) Sat & Sun. 9-4 Klt., jw, rtr, patio, stuff, kid's toys, arts & crafts & lots more!!!</p> <p>832 VENTURA DR. (Cross St. Harbor) Sat & Sun. 8am - 4pm House full items: tables, chrs., kit, ware, clothes & lots of paintings</p> <p>HUGE GARAGE SALE Sat. & Sun. 9/2-3 8-4pm</p> <p>4 Orinda Circle Furniture, sporting gds, baby items, toys, hshld items & MORE!</p> <p>HUGE YARD SALE Looking for bargains? Something for everyone. Sat 9-3 1503 Peppertree Pl (exit Livermore, left Ventura, left Norline, left Roundhill)</p> <p>SUCH A DEAL! Huge golf & other goodies 8am-3pm. HC EARLY BIRDS PLEASE 100 Overhill Rd. Orinda.</p>	<p>Orinda</p> <p>ORINDA 27 Woodland- 3days Sat-Mon 9-4 to benefit Alzheimer's Association. Includes clothes, dishes, bikes, mower, dolls, lamps, RCA Console TV, jewelry, New Items daily. 415-885-2377</p> <p>ORINDA PAINT BAII Anti LASER Tag! Skis, stuff, 10-4 Saturday. No early comers. Absolutely. Chelton Court & Whitehall.</p>	<p>San Francisco</p> <p>DALY City Vintage Auto Shop Sale! 900 Sylvan St. x Hillside Fri/Sat 10-3 Sun 10-7 1921 Oakland 4dr sedan, 1959 Ford Fairlane, 4dr V8 orig 28K Nicel 1000's of auto parts mostly new/old stock - Must see to believe! Tons of tools. Memorabilia Vintage car, lovers don't miss it! 650-340-1833</p>				

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Stretching out: Young and old alike get more comfortable with futons

BY ANGIE VO

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Young kids and condo owners often make strange beds. But a futon just may be the common ground.

Originally thought of as a sort of man's couch, futons are having quite an impact in the furnishings industry.

Used almost exclusively in dorms and first-apartment settings, futons are increasingly showing up in condominiums and town homes in guest rooms, and even living rooms as well as sleeper sofas.

In some cases, they are being used as primary beds or even as a place to sleep.

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in downtown Milwaukee with roommate Alissa Coghlin, and her futon shares the living room with a couch.

Just as there isn't one type of person looking for a futon, futons themselves have diversified. Varieties include front-loading or reg-



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ACCESSORIES are available, like this pillow and bolster, a roll-like pillow, in various fabrics.

ular types, with frames of wood or metal, in styles that hug the floor or rise above. Mattresses can be stuffed with cotton, foam, polyester, springs, or a combination of the four. Covers can be of washable cotton, denim, fabric blends or even leather.

It's easy to see why the appeal of a futon is widening, but also why buying one can require many decisions.

Here are some questions to consider when purchasing the convertible couch:

■ What kind of mattress do I want?

"The quality of mattress will mostly determine your overall futon experience," Radloff says.

Ben Huth, owner of PM Bedroom Gallery, has a futon in his living room that does double duty for guests. "It is used several times a year as a spare bed when I have family down from back home," says Huth.

■ What kind of frame do I want?

"To me, bar none, the most important thing to look at when purchasing a new futon is the quality and comfort of the mattress," he says. "This is really the place where a lot of customers get taken advantage of. They buy a thick futon mattress and expect it to feel good for a long time to come and it becomes a hard lumpy nightmare after a short period of time."

■ What kind of frame do I want?

Like a bed, futons are offered in twin, full, queen and king sizes, with full-size frames being the most popular size sold today, according to Futon Life. Futon Life also reports that wood is by far the most popular frame material, representing 89 percent of purchases in 2004.

■ What kind of frame do I want?

In purchasing a futon, you want to find a frame that works easily when you convert it from a sofa to the bed," says Huth. A front-loading frame allows the user to move the futon mattress from its up and down positions by standing in front, whereas a traditional futon frame requires a person to move around to get the mattress in a different position after pulling the frame away from the wall.

■ What kind of frame do I want?

"I don't know if there are any disadvantages of metal vs. wood," says Great Lakes Futon president Japh Komassa, who sleeps on a futon mattress and also has a futon sofa in his home. "Wood is probably more long-lasting in style, as metal tends to be more contemporary," he says, adding the metal frames are more popular with his college-aged customers, whereas home owners and young adults tend to opt for wood frames.

■ What about covers?

Most futon buyers opt for a removable cover. "These vary in price depending on fabric, design, etc.," says Huth. "Customers can even go with leather covers."

■ What about covers?

The removable covers are attached with zippers or buttons and are easier to maintain than sewn-on covers. Most fabric styles are washable.

■ What about covers?

"Covers should be washed at least once or twice a year," says

Radloff, who noticed that greens and retro print covers are popular choices. "Olive and sage green have been the hot colors in the past year," he says. "The printed fabrics are kind of a return to the '50s and '60s."

Microfiber filling has been a good seller as well. "It's a popular upgrade because it's plush," says Radloff.

■ What kind of frame do I want?

Komassa says that among his customers, "the most popular futon pattern this year is an espresso leather and sage microfiber."

Still, nothing quite replaces the all-around appeal of black. "Black matches almost everything, and it also hides dirt and stains really well," Radloff says.

■ What can I expect to pay?

In the end, it seems quality and comfort are the kings of the futon world.

"People are willing to spend more to get a better quality and more comfortable futon," says Huth. "Obviously buying a better

frame means it will last longer and hold up better to the rigors of time. Buying a better mattress will give more comfort that will last longer than lesser quality."

Nationally, 65 percent of futons cost \$450 or more, with 13 percent ranging from \$250 to \$350 and 15 percent ranging from \$350 to \$450, according to Futon Life.

■ What kind of frame do I want?

Moving from a mat on the floor to so much more

The futon has evolved from weed rugs that originated in Japan.

According to Kayo Matsushita, who researched the history of futons for his master's thesis at Columbia University, the Japanese-style futon of today is typically about two inches thick and made with cotton or synthetic padding.

They are put on tatami flooring, a woven straw mat, and come with a comforter, blanket, towel-like blanket and pillow filled with beans or beads, somewhat similar to a Western-style bed set.

During the day, they are folded up and stored to expose the tatami flooring to air, according to Matsushita.

Futons are put in sunlight on a regular basis and beaten with a bamboo tool to keep their shape.

Western futons are thicker, less mobile and require a lot less maintenance.

Like the Japanese futon, the Western futon mattress can be filled with cotton or synthetic material, but can also contain foam or springs, making for a stiffer, more bedlike pad.

Futon frames, whose invention earned William Brouwer the 1983 Daphne Award (the furniture industry's Emmy), made the futon more of a casual living fixture and its popularity has grown consistently.

Frames come in different types and finishes of wood or combinations of metals.

A wide selection of futon covers and accessories is available to help the futon fit into almost any decor.



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A VARIETY OF COLORS AND STYLES of covers made by Omni Soft are available. Often thought of the as a sort of a poor man's couch, futons are making quite an impact in the home furnishings industry.

Wigmaker creates hairpieces for 'stylin' and profilin' canines

BY ADRIAN BARO DIAZ

FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, Fla. - Regina likes to say her business is going to the dogs, but it's not just about the dogs, it's about the stars.

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was the wig master and make-up artist for "The Jackie Gleason Show," which filmed in Miami Beach from 1962-70. She was also in charge of beauty for the Miss Universe pageant from 1959-72, helping contestants look like they weren't wearing a lot of make-up when they were. Throughout the years, she also did hair and make-up for stars filming movies or television programs in Florida.

At her wig shop in Bay Harbor Islands, there are pictures on the walls of her with those stars, from Judy Garland to Marisa Tomei. The autographed picture from Garland calls her the "wonder worker" and Regina's wig work is displayed on dozens of mannequin heads on the shelves of

her store.

Exuding old-fashioned glamour (how old, she won't say), she takes her doggie designs out of a pink wig box and describes each one as if she were advising a human customer.

The "Yappy Hour," a cascade of curls, can be custom made with synthetic or human hair and dyed any color, including pastels. With openings for ears and an elastic band to hold it in place, it's a good choice for hairless dogs, she explains.

The "Peek a Bow Wow" can fall down over part of a dog's face, giving a glamorous look reminiscent of 1940's movie star Veronica Lake. It's a good style for "any

dog," she says.

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ANGEL VALENTIN/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

CHLOE, A 21-MONTH-OLD ENGLISH BULLDOG, gets a hairpiece fitted by Ruth Regina at her wig store in Bay Harbor Islands, Fla. Regina, a former make-up director and wig master for the Jackie Gleason Show, is now fitting dogs with hairpieces and extensions.

Three days of music, food, fun and art in downtown Oakland

COMCAST ART & SOUL FESTIVAL

OAKLAND — In addition to 50 bands on five concert stages, the Sixth Annual Art & Soul Oakland festival will highlight the city's vibrant arts scene. Festival organizers have programmed demonstrations and exhibitions by local arts organizations and hands-on activities for festival goers.

The artistic expression on display in the Youth Art Gallery was created by fourth and fifth grade participants in the Oakland Fine Arts Summer School (OFASS) program. The paintings and poetry reflect the young artists' experiences and impressions of Comcast Art & Soul Oakland. A collaboration between the Oakland Unified School District and the Office of Parks and Recreation, OFASS offers arts programming for kindergarten through fifth grade students. With instruction by Rich Sigberman, the students created paintings inspired by the unique style of '60s and '70s Fillmore poster art including pieces by Bay Area artist Rick Griffin. Instructor Kristen Sbrogna led the students on a creative writing exercise to pen poetry about the festival.

Larger than life photographs capturing the amazing artwork created during the 10-week-long 100 Families Oakland: Art & Social Change program will be exhibited. The innovative program provided art supplies, instruction and inspiration to 25 families from four Oakland neighborhoods: East Oakland, Fruitvale,

Chinatown and West Oakland. Conceptualized and funded by venture capitalist F. Noel Perry and facilitated by the Center for Art and Public Life at California College of the Arts, the project's mission is to enliven the creative spirit and celebrate the power of families and neighborhoods in Oakland through the inspiring and transformative process of making art.

Professional artists and CCA students led each neighborhood group as they created paintings, drawings, sculptures and prints. Collaboration with other families was encouraged as a method to build relationships. Families will be able to sign up for information on the next series of 100 Families workshops.

Artists — Sharifa Ihsan-Wilson, Nzanga Pace and Nan Eastep — will be on hand to encourage and guide families to create their own family quilt block art project as a way to share family stories and catalyze family bonding.

On Saturday and Sunday, artisans from The Crucible will give metal and glass arts demonstrations. Watch as a raw piece of metal is transformed with fire and brute force into a dramatic piece of art. The non-profit offers classes in fine and industrial arts ranging from cast iron to neon. The Crucible will also give welding, blacksmithing and glass flame demonstrations. Look for their studio near the 12th Street entrance.

Unusual Oakland-oriented videos will be shown by Oaklandish. Their video tent will feature a wide variety of programming including "Oaklandish Local-Love Montage" produced

by Bobby Peru with clips ranging from silent movies of Oakland from the '20s and '30s, newsreel footage from the '50s, plus highlights of the '60s and '70s. Also showing will be "A Life by Design," "Oakland Raider Parking Lot" and "Rebels of Oakland: The Raiders, The A's, The '70s." Enjoy the edgy arts group's Oaklandish Mobile-Ops Vehicle exhibiting their "Folklandish Library" of local archival books and videos and selling their popular brand of civic pride-oriented merchandise.

Budding artists who want to practice their painting skills are invited to grab a brush and help with the community mural project. Located on 14th Street between Clay and Jefferson streets, the art project will be guided by gifted muralist Emmanuel C. Montoya. Other hands-on activities include youth craft projects organized by the East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse and the Museum of Children's Art.

Previously announced headlines at the Sixth Annual Comcast Art & Soul Oakland include punk-pop group New Found Glory on Saturday, Sept. 2; Grammy Award winner Rickie Lee Jones on Sunday, Sept. 3; fiery R&B singer Angie Stone and the funk-drenched Wayman Tisdale, the ex-basketball-star-turned-smooth-jazz artist, both on Monday, Sept. 4. Oakland native and multiple Grammy winner Edwin Hawkins' dynamic vocals will ring out on Monday's Gospel stage. The Bay Area Blues Society's popular three-day Blues Stage features headliners Lydia Pense and Coldblood, Café R&B and Jesse "I Can Do Bad By Myself" James.

Comcast Art & Soul also boasts a huge kid-friendly area called the Family Fun Zone featuring pint-sized rides, children's entertainment, roaming characters, storytellers and much more. Festival goers can also browse hundreds of artisan and vendor booths.

Gourmet Food Expo added to event

Oakland might not readily come to mind as a food producing region but a closer look reveals that the city's long history in traditional food production has evolved into a burgeoning mecca for gourmet food producers. Today, more than 100 small- to medium-sized companies specializing in gourmet food production and processing are thriving in Oakland, benefiting from the city's affordable space, existing food service infrastructure, long growing season and high quality water — not to mention a steadily growing consumer demand for locally-produced natural foods. To showcase Oakland's newest emerging industry sector, organizers of the sixth Annual Comcast Art & Soul Oakland festival have added "Oakland's Own" Expo to the popular Labor Day week-



FOR THE KIDS, swing by the Family Fun Zone to create art and crafts using recycled materials.

end festival. Participating exhibitors will offer free samples of (and make available for sale) gourmet food, wine, tea, chocolate, baked goods, organic produce, nut butters and all-natural barbecue sauce — all produced in Oakland.

Participants in Oakland's Own Expo include: Nuni Tea: Purveyors of organic teas and herbal teas, recently profiled in Business Week; Serendipity Chocolates: Crafters of hand-made artisan chocolates; Chelsea Chocolates: Sculptors of freshly made chocolate creations; Premier Organics: Crafters of organic nut butters; Wank's Off Da Hook BBQ Sauce; Your Black Muslim Bakery and West Oakland's City Slicker Farms: Growers of fresh produce. Four Oakland wineries will also be on-site: Enat Winery brews a mead beverage called Tej from honey and hops; JC Cellars hand-crafts single vineyard wines specializing in syrah, petite syrah, viognier and zinfandel; Dashe Cellars is a family-run artisan winery renowned for their zinfandel, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and petite syrah wines; and Aubin Cellars specializes in limited run, single varietals enhanced by extended aging and unfiltered bottling.

Informational and interactive activities will also be hosted by several organizations that support sustainability and local production, including the Oakland Parks & Recreation Community Gardening Program and TransFair USA in addition to the Oakland Merchants Leadership Forum, Bay Area Local Living Economies

(BALLE) and OaklandUnwrapped.org, who have teamed up with the City of Oakland to host the Oakland's Own Expo.

The Sixth Annual Comcast Art & Soul Oakland festival offers three days of music, food, fun and art in downtown Oakland. Patrons can enjoy live rock, blues, jazz, gospel and more on five concert stages.

Children of all ages can enjoy the Family Fun Zone, which runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 2-4, in Frank Ogawa Plaza, City Center, across from the gate with children's play area. For more information, call 510-444-CITY.



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FEIDER, WHO GRADUATED in 2005 from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design with a furniture design, built this treehouse in his father's Pewaukee, Wis., yard. It's been written in Popular Mechanics and Dwell magazines.

Recyclable and portable treehouse is drawing attention

BY REID J. EPSTEIN
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

MILWAUKEE — Lighted up at night, Dustin Feider's treehouse looked like a moon sitting 40 feet above the ground in a Pewaukee, Wis., poplar tree.

It's a 650-pound circular dome 13 feet in diameter and 10½ feet high. The geodesic sphere is strong enough to hold up to 1,200 pounds, more than enough for Feider, a decent set of speakers and his iPod. But what sets the treehouse apart — besides the fact that it looks like he dropped Epcot Center onto a front yard — is that all the materials are either made from recycled products or are themselves recyclable.

And because the structure hangs from nine steel cables that drape around the tree, not a single bolt, screw or nail goes into the tree itself. "It's kind of the epitome of a man in a tree," said Feider, 23. "I was trying to come up with a design that would be beneficial for the tree as well as the person in it and figure out what the ultimate treehouse design was."

The resulting treehouse is an engineering marvel that drew praise in places such as Popular Mechanics, Dwell magazine and treehugger.com, an online magazine devoted to environmentally friendly products.

The exposure has left Feider — who graduated from the Min-

neapolis College of Art and Design in 2005 and now lives in the Twin Cities — traveling to sustainability conferences and taking calls from people interested in his work. His current project is finishing a design proposal for an island resort off the coast of Thailand that wants to build seven treehouses.

"I've had a lot of inquiries about it," Feider said. "Everybody is super-enthusiastic about it."

The treehouse, which took a year to design and three weeks to build, went up last fall in front of Feider's father's Pewaukee home. But since then David Feider sold the house and moved to Menomonee Falls. The home's new owners weren't terribly excited about the prospect of having a 10½-foot-high glowing golf ball 45 feet above their front yard.

"It was a total bummer," Feider said. "I couldn't understand why they didn't want it in the tree. Somebody doesn't even want it for free, who's going to want to buy one?"

Ah yes, the treehouse is for sale. Not the exact one that's now in boxes in a Menomonee Falls, Wis., garage, but a replica. And it's not cheap, either. Feider will sell you a kit with all the sustainable treehouse materials — translucent polypropylene panels, aluminum hinges and poles, cables that hold the structure in

place and the halogen lamp that makes it glow — for \$8,800.

For \$18,800 he'll come over and install it, too.

"I can fit it in any tree," said Feider, a freelance furniture designer who has a day job at a commercial interior design firm.

The treehouse consists of 50 panels, 25 of which can open to let in the sun. There's a lift system that raises people and things from the ground to the treehouse floor. And Feider said he can customize plans to fit any specifications.

Feider said he hopes to reinstall the treehouse at his dad's new place in the Falls this fall. In the meantime, he's working on a new design that would allow for solar panels to provide electricity to the treehouse — he ran an extension cord up the poplar tree in Pewaukee. He's also attending environmental conferences trying to sell his treehouse kits.

With large color photos of his glowing treehouse high in a poplar tree, Feider's tables are a stopper for anyone walking past at the conferences, but he's yet to make his first sale.

"I can do a single-trunk pine tree or multiple small trees," he said. "It's a really light structure. It's like a three-season porch in your tree."

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Are you ready for a pet emergency? Six helpful tips that could save your pet's life

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
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Today's pets are well loved and have become treasured members of the family.

Families are extremely committed to keeping these beloved companions safe and happy which is why I was not surprised when I saw that a local veterinarian was offering a free pet first aid class to the public.

Pets, like people, have a much greater chance of surviving a life-threatening emergency if the proper first aid is administered right away. Emergency situations are frightening for everyone, but are especially difficult if a loved family member is involved. Being prepared for a pet emergency will increase your chances of responding calmly and quickly and could save your pet's life.

For example, what if you're away at work and your house catches on fire?

Even the smartest pet can't dial 911 so, "It's a good idea to pick up several stickers from your veterinarian or local fire department to place on your windows in case of a fire, letting the firefighters know to rescue your dog or cat as well," advises veterinarian Kevan Gulikers, an internal medicine specialist in Mesa, Ariz.

Learning basic pet first aid is one more way to help ensure that your pet will be a part of your family for many years to come. So just how do you perform first aid on a pet?

Here are tips to help you get started with your pet first aid education:

■ **Traumatic injuries:** Always approach an injured pet carefully, as animals in pain may reflexively bite

or scratch. Keep your pet restrained and warm by wrapping a large towel around her. For dogs, use a muzzle if available or make a muzzle out of nylons, a large sock, or a leash to prevent bites.

Speak in a gentle voice to help calm her down. Move more severely injured animals carefully using a blanket or board as a makeshift stretcher.

■ **Bleeding:** Have someone help restrain your pet and/or apply a muzzle. Apply direct, firm pressure to bleeding wounds. A bandage may not apply enough pressure to stop the bleeding alone, especially if a blood vessel was injured, but might help decrease the amount of blood lost.

■ **Poisoning:** Do not induce vomiting unless your veterinarian recommends it. If you know what toxin your pet ingested, bring the toxin along with the container with you to the pet hospital to help the veterinarian determine treatment. If your animal ingested a human medication, always bring in the pill vial that contains the name of the medication and the strength. Keep the number of your local veterinary emergency clinic and human poison center near your phone. While many human poison centers are happy to answer questions about pets, one of the best resources is the ASPCA Animal Poison Control (<http://www.aspcap.org/apcc>).

■ **Seizures:** Although not painful to the pet, seizures are very scary to observe. If you see your pet lose consciousness and begin to convulse the only reason to touch the pet is if there is head wall banging or danger of falling. Pets cannot swallow their tongue, so don't put your hand in a clamping mouth. Once the

pet is in a safe place begin to time the seizure. Most last 1-3 minutes. Before taking the pet to the vet, do a search to determine if the pet might have eaten anything unusual. If so bring the material and the pet the next business day. If the seizures continue for more than 10 minutes by the clock (cumulatively) then make a beeline for the emergency hospital.

■ **Preventive care:** Preventive care goes beyond treating illness and avoids problems before they happen. Always have your pet vaccinated against life-threatening diseases. Use parasite control for internal parasites (worms) and external parasites like fleas and ticks year-round. Keep your dog on leash around busy streets as many hit-by-car accidents occur when dogs see something across the street and dart across unexpectedly. Never leave your pet in a car on even a moderately sunny day as cars can become ovens in minutes, leading quickly to deadly heat stroke.

■ **Seek proper medical attention:** Get proper medical attention by seeking veterinary care immediately in all emergency situations. Keep a list of emergency numbers on hand, such as your veterinarian and the closest 24-hour emergency care hospital. Giving your pet professional care right away could save her life.

"Keeping a pet first aid kit alongside your family's kit is a smart way to prepare to handle everyday emergencies that may arise with your pet," said Jennifer Jellison, a veterinarian from Columbus, Ohio. "With the proper pet first aid items, there are a lot of simple, life-saving techniques that you can do on your way to the nearest pet hospital."

Barfield, The Pet Hospital, where Jellison works, recommends having the following list of items in your pet first aid kit at home:

- Boards or blankets to use as a stretcher.
- Leash, rope, or soft cloth to use as a muzzle.
- Non-stick bandages (Ace bandages, vet-wrap, etc.).
- Three percent Hydrogen peroxide and a turkey baster (to induce vomiting).
- Towels or cloth to control bleeding.
- Gauze and bandage material for wrapping wounds.
- Adhesive medical tape (though duct tape can work during emergencies).
- Saline eye flush.
- Tweezers or hemostats.
- Clean latex gloves.
- Styptic powder to stop bleeding (flour or cornstarch can be used in an emergency).
- Bottle of water (to help cool down in event of heat stroke).

"Remember that animal emergency clinics are available around the clock and on holidays and are happy to answer questions. Always call before giving your pet any over-the-counter medication," says Beth Davidow, a veterinarian at Animal Critical Care & Emergency Services in Seattle.

For more information talk to your veterinarian or to find a specialist in your area, please consult the Web sites of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine at www.acvim.org, and the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care at www.acvecc.org.

Dr. Marty Becker is the veterinary contributor to "Good Morning America" and hosts "Top Vets Talk Pets" on www.healthradionetwork.com. He is also author of "Fitness Unleashed: A Dog and Owner's Guide to Losing Weight and Gaining Health Together."

Types of wine

ARA CONTENT

Winemakers throughout the world use hundreds of different grape varieties to make different kinds of wine. The types of grapes used to make a wine are probably the single most important factor in the taste of the wine. Below are a number of descriptions that you will most likely encounter.

■ **Cabernet sauvignon:** This is the world's most renowned grape variety for the production of red wines. The best cabernet sauvignon comes from Bordeaux, France, although it is grown in most of the major wine producing areas, including Napa Valley, California. Many of the grapes grown in California will astonish you with their richness and complexity.

■ **Chardonnay:** Has become the world's most often purchased dry white wine. Chardonnay is grown in nearly every wine producing area of the world. Usually aged in oak barrels, the wine is rich in strong flavors and aromas. The wine contains a fruity character with vanilla and buttery components.

■ **Chenin blanc:** It is one of the most widely grown grapes in California. This grape is viewed as cheap and commonplace. Many vineyards are replacing this grape with chardonnay and other grapes that can fetch higher prices. Has a very fruity character and blends very well with chardonnay to add fruit and acidity.

■ **Grenache:** It is the world's second most widely planted grape variety. Grenache tends to be sweet but doesn't have a lot of character unless it was well vinified. Grown in many places that have to deal with drought and extreme heat.

■ **Merlot:** It is along the same lines as a cabernet sauvignon but it is less tannic and more lush. Full-bodied with flavors of cherry, plum, and chocolate. Merlot blends very well into cabernet sauvignon, St. Emilion, and pomerol.

■ **Pinot blanc:** It produces a soft, fruity dry white wine that is often compared to chardonnays. Pinot blanc is high in acidity and has hints

of apple and spice well and to be Chardonnay.

■ **Pinot noir:** The grape has become a very difficult grape to grow. It is a wine that is rich in black cherry and mint.

■ **Riesling:** The world's great wine need cooler climates like Germany level of acidity and fruit. This wine has a great value for the money.

■ **Semillon:** Low acidity and used to partner with especially sauvignon. It is often very dry with a great value for the money.

■ **White zinfandel:** Produces a light wine in California. The grapes are quickly on their skins during fermentation that make pink wine. While made in a sweet style with the high acidity.

■ **Zinfandel:** The roper origin but dominantly in California. Has gone through problems that successful counterparts grown in California and popular among foreigner alike.

Wigs

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dog that has feeling, you know, a sexy dog," she explains.

"There's some dogs that have the come-hither look," she says.

There's also the "Rover R-r-rug," straight hair that can be used as bangs, and "Buddy Braids," good for a dog with a little hair since they are held on with clips, Regina says.

She did her first dog hair design years ago for her niece's basket hound, to coordinate with an Easter ensemble. But wigs were

not popular for many years, Regina said, except for people with thinning hair, chemotherapy patients and others who needed them.

"The general public for many years were not wearing wigs unless they really had a strong need for it, but now everything has changed," she said. "Wigs are so in. Hairpieces, extensions. It is a very big thing now. ... I thought, well, why not for doggies?"

Regina has not sold the canine hairpieces yet, although she says she has potential customers, like pet shops, lined up.

She figures that "mommies of doggies" who treat their pets like

children will be willing to pay the \$18 to "hundreds of dollars" that Regina expects to charge for the hairpieces, some of them custom-made.

Eve Huerta, owner of a doggie boutique next door to Regina's wig store, agrees. At her Teacup Couture, she carries accessories for tiny teacup dogs, including sunglasses, hats, jeans, army fatigues, even costumes. She said she's interested in carrying some of Regina's hairpieces in "funky colors."

"I think she's on to something that's really great," she said. "I don't see why it would be different or strange."

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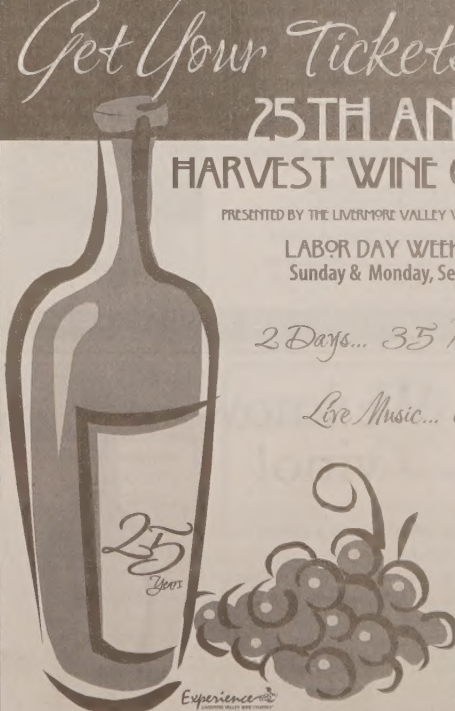
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FRESHING ROASTED CHICKEN PITA pocket garnished with a tomato and corn salsa makes a dinner for a warm summer evening.

Let a salad bar do the prep

BY LINDA GASSENHEIMER
MIAMI HERALD

A refreshing roasted chicken pita pocket garnished with a tomato and corn salsa makes a cool dinner for a warm summer evening. Let the supermarket do the work. Make the fresh salsa using diced tomatoes and onions found in the produce section or at the salad bar and add defrosted frozen corn.

For the Greek salad side dish, doctor up washed, ready-to-eat salad with sliced bell peppers and cucumbers from the salad bar. Add oregano to a bottled dressing for a Greek flavor and toss olives into the salad.

If you have a few extra minutes, use fresh oregano. It has an aromatic and pungent flavor that will add depth to the salad. It is easy to find and worth the effort. The quickest way to use fresh herbs is to wash, spin dry and snip the leaves off with scissors.

This meal contains 590 calories per serving with 16 percent of calories from fat.

Fred Tasker's wine suggestion: Try a light, fruity beajolais.

Helpful hints

Fresh corn can be used instead of frozen. Cut the kernels from the corn and microwave on high 1 minute.

Look for large pita bread. I find the whole-wheat bread has more texture and flavor than the plain. If you can only find small pitas, use two per serving.

If your bottle of dried oregano is older than 6 months, it's time to replace it.

If pressed for time, use a bottled chunky salsa instead of making the one in the recipe.

Countdown

Prepare tomato and corn salsa and set aside to marinate a few minutes.

Make the Greek summer salad. Complete the pita pockets.

Shopping list

To buy: 1 package frozen corn kernels, 1 container diced tomatoes (1 cup needed), 1 container sliced cucumbers (2 cups needed), 1 container sliced green bell peppers (2 cups needed), 1 container diced onion (2 tablespoons needed), 1 small bunch cilantro, 1 bag ready-to-eat lettuce, 1 jalapeno pepper, 1 lime, 12 ounces boneless roasted chicken breast, 1 package large whole-wheat pita breads, 1 bottle dried oregano (or 1 package fresh), black or green olives.

Staples: Reduced-fat vinaigrette dressing, ground cumin, salt, pepper, corn.

ROASTED CHICKEN PITA POCKET WITH CORN AND TOMATO SALSA

1 cup frozen corn kernels
1 cup diced tomatoes
2 tablespoons diced onion
1 tablespoon diced jalapeno pepper

3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon lime juice
2 large whole-wheat pita breads

12 ounces skinless, boneless, roasted chicken breast, cut into strips
Place corn in a microwave-safe bowl and microwave on high 2 minutes to defrost. Mix in tomatoes, onion, jalapeno pepper, cilantro, cumin and salt and pepper to taste. Add lime juice and toss well.

Toast pita bread in a toaster oven to warm slightly. Do not let it get crisp. Cut in half and open pockets. Spoon in half the salsa. Add the chicken and finish with the remaining salsa.

Makes 2 servings.

GREEK SUMMER SALAD

1 teaspoon dried oregano or 2 tablespoons fresh oregano leaves
2 tablespoons reduced-fat vinaigrette dressing

2 cups washed, ready-to-eat lettuce

2 cups peeled and sliced cucumbers

2 cups sliced green bell peppers

10 green or black olives

Mix oregano and vinaigrette dressing in a medium-size salad bowl. Add remaining ingredients, toss with dressing.

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Grandparents' guide

When you take care of your grandkids — whether it's for a few hours or a few days — you're probably anxious to put all of your great parenting experience to good use.

But although you raised healthy kids in a safe environment, in recent years much research has been devoted to child safety. Government agencies and medical experts have developed a slew of safety standards and laws to keep kids healthy and out of harm's way.

Here are some tips from the experts at KidsHealth.org that can make your time with the grandkids enjoyable — and uneventful — for all of you.



General health

HANDWASHING. Thorough hand-washing — particularly after going to the bathroom and before preparing or eating food — is now recognized as one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of any illness, from the flu to diarrhea. To really get rid of germs: wet your hands with warm water, then rub with soap for at least 15 seconds (long enough to sing a few rounds of "Happy Birthday") before rinsing well. In a public restroom, dry your hands on a disposable towel, and use that towel to turn off the faucet. Teach your grandkids this important habit to help the entire family stay healthy.

MEDICATIONS. Know what medications you can give your grandchild in the event of illness. If you have any questions, call the child's doctor before giving any over-the-counter medications. Also, kids who are 12 years old or younger should never be given aspirin, as it has been linked to Reye syndrome, a serious illness that can cause nausea, vomiting, and behavioral changes, and often requires treatment in a hospital. Also, never give a child medication that has been prescribed to someone else, whether it's an adult or child. Even if two people have the same illness, they may require different drugs with different doses and directions.

SLEEP. Infants younger than 1 should be placed on their backs to sleep to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Infants should not be placed on their stomachs or their sides to sleep. Babies should sleep in a crib or bassinet on a firm mattress, without soft bedding, plush toys or other soft objects. Loose bedding, such as blankets and sheets, should be tucked under the crib mattress to avoid covering the infant's face. (Read more about cribs in the Safety section.)

Other ways to lower the risk of SIDS include:

- Keep room temperature comfortable and avoid over-bundling.
- Give the infant a pacifier at nighttime and bedtime, but do not force it if the baby refuses it.
- Do not replace a pacifier that has fallen out during sleep.
- Do not expose the infant to cigarette smoke.
- In addition, infants who sleep in the same room (though not the same bed) as their mothers have a lower risk of SIDS. Consider having a crib or bassinet in the room where you or the child's parents sleep.

VACCINES. Immunizations are one of the most important ways to keep kids — and everyone around them — healthy. Find out if your grandchildren are up to date on all their immunizations. In addition, it is particularly important for grandparents to get their

annual flu shot. Anyone who has a chronic illness, such as diabetes or heart disease, or is 65 or older is considered in the high-risk group and should get flu shots every year. Flu shots are also recommended for any adult between the ages of 50 and 64.



TV, COMPUTERS AND VIDEO GAMES. Kids under 2 years old should not have any time in front of a screen, including TVs, DVDs or videos, and computers. After age 2, kids should have no more than 1 to 2 hours of quality programming a day. Offer your grandchild a variety of activities to try instead. The TV should be turned off during meals and homework, and you can set a good example by limiting your own TV watching. To help you decide what programs are appropriate for your grandchild, look for age-group rating tools on some TV programs and video games (they're usually listed onscreen).



Safety

CAR SEATS. Babies and children should be in child safety seats that meet current standards. All children younger than 12 years should sit in the back seat with the appropriate safety restraint. Infants should be placed in a rear-facing seat until they're 1 year old and weigh 20 pounds. Toddlers and preschool children (between 1 and about 4 years of age) weighing between 20 and 40 pounds should use a forward-facing seat. Children between the ages of 4 and 8 years who are more than 40 pounds should use a belt-positioning booster seat until they are 4 feet 9 inches tall.

CRIBS. Use a firm crib mattress. To avoid suffocation hazards, keep soft objects and loose bedding out of the crib, including pillows, comforters, sheepskins, stuffed toys, etc. Cribs manufactured after 2001 meet current safety standards, including slats that are no more than 2 3/8 inches apart so that infants can't get their heads stuck. A crib that has been in the family for generations may not be suitable or safe — cribs made before 1974 may be covered in lead paint, have slats that are too far apart, or pose other safety hazards. Before using a crib, check for side rails for locking devices. Remove mobiles when the infant is 12 months old or can get on hands and knees, and remove crib bumpers using them, as soon as the infant can pull to stand.

TOYS. Guidelines published by the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) can help you determine toys that are age appropriate for your grandchild. You may think that because your grandchild seems mature, he or she can handle a toy that was meant for an older child. But that's not a good idea, as age guidelines for toys are determined by developmental appropriateness as well as safety. When you shop for your grandchild look for toys that are well-made toys that don't pose choking hazards. Toys and equipment you might have used with your own kids may have sentimental value, but often are not the best option for your grandkids.

HELMETS. Helmets save lives and prevent serious head injuries so make sure that your grandchild always wears a helmet when riding a tricycle or bicycle. Make sure that your grandchild's helmet fits well. Be a positive role model by wearing your own helmet, too. Helmets should also be used for skating or roller skating. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that kids always wear helmets on their wrist, elbow and knee padding for those sports.

STRANGULATION HAZARDS. Babies and toddlers can become entrapped in the most unexpected ways — curtain cords, on clothing, and infant furniture and accessories can be dangerous. Reduce the risk of strangulation by not putting necklaces or headbands on your grandchild, and not dressing him or her in clothing with strings, which can get caught on play equipment and furniture. While it may be handy, don't tie a pacifier around your grandchild's neck or tether it to clothing. Tie up all window blind and drapery cords so they aren't within reach of your grandchild, and avoid having cords that dangle to the floor. Be sure to install safety gates, but don't use old accordion-style ones, which can trap a child's head.

CHOKING HAZARDS. Putting things in their mouths is one of the ways that babies and small children explore their worlds. But common foods, toys and other small objects that we probably take for granted easily lodge in a child's little airway. Common choking hazards for children under 4 years old include foods like peanuts, popcorn, raw fruits and other raw vegetables, hard fruits, whole grapes or cherries, candies. Watch out for small plastic toys that come from vending machines, or parts of older siblings' toys. Be especially vigilant at adult parties, when nuts and other foods might be easily accessible to small hands. Make sure small refrigerator magnets and other small objects are out of your grandchild's reach.

CHILDPROOFING THE HOUSE. Supervision is always the best way to keep grandkids safe. But it's also a good idea to childproof your home. Walk through your house with an eye for anything that may be a hazard to small children, including tools, knives and choking hazards. For toddlers and preschoolers, put outlet covers on all of the outlet plates. And for safety latches and locks for cabinets and drawers in the kitchen and bathroom. Look for products that adults can easily install and use, but that are sturdy enough to withstand pulls and tugs from children. Safety seats and child-resistant packaging are not guarantees of protection, so be sure to keep medicines, household cleaners and other dangerous substances locked away and out of reach. Consider door-knob covers and door locks to help keep kids away from places with hazards, like bathrooms and swimming pools.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION. Be prepared in case you need to take your grandchild to the doctor or hospital. It's important to know the child's medical history, including any allergies and any medication your grandchild may be taking. Also have information about the child's insurance coverage and written permission from the parents authorizing you to seek medical care for the child.

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Numbers to know

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222. If you have a poisoning emergency, call for the poison control center in your area.

Police/Ambulance: If your grandchild has collapsed or is not breathing, call 911 or local emergency numbers.

Phone number for your grandchild's doctor.

Parents' work and cell phone numbers.

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